

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Seventh Annual Session  
OF THE  
**Lawrence County**  
**Baptist Association**

HELD WITH  
Society Hill Baptist Church

Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi.

Beginning Friday, Sept. 20, 1907

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OFFICERS:

Rev. R. Drummond, Modr. P. O. Hebron, Miss.

Wade Polk, Clerk, P. O. Oakvale, Miss.

Rev. L. D. Posey, Treasurer, P. O. Silver Creek, Miss.

## OFFICERS.

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REV. R. DRUMMOND, Moderator —Hebron. Miss.

WADE POLK, Clerk—Oakvale, Miss.

REV. L. D. POSEY, Treasurer—Silver Creek, Miss.



## MINUTES.

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Society Hill Church. Friday, Sept 20th, 1907.

The Lawrence County Baptist Association met this day with Society Hill Baptist Church, Jefferson Davis County, Miss., in its seventh annual session, at 10:30 o'clock, the appointed hour.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. E. Welch, Congregation singing "All Hail"; opening prayer being led by Rev. W. H. Boone.

Philippians, 2nd. chapter, and first eighteen verses were read for morning lesson and Rev. T. J. Moore leading in prayer. Encouraging and helpful talks were made by Elders J. P. Williams, W. H. Boone, J. C. Robinson and Bros. C. R. Dale and W. S. Moore.

The moderator announced association in order for business.

The clerk was asked to call the roll of the churches and complete the roll of delegates, which are as follows, viz:

Antioch—J. J. Osteen, Estus McGuffee, Mack Lee, and Louis Thames.

Bethel—No delegate.

Bethany—E. L. Polk, J. C. Burkett, Fleet Parkman, J. M. Polk, and S. C. Stamps.

Crooked Creek—W. C. Dale, G. W. Johnston, John Sills, and Jeff Cliburn.

Calvary—H. H. Miller, J. P. Williams, J. M. Armstrong, and H. W. Longino.

Hepsibah—J. W. Daniel, W. E. Daniel, J. M. Branton, and W. R. Bourn.

Hebron—R. Drummond, A. H. Dale, J. B. Rogers, and J. H. Johnston.

Monticello—W. H. Speights, and D. M. Lee.

New Hope—J. M. Ritchie.

New Zion—J. N. Oquinn and John R. Cox.

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New Hebron—H. C. Lane and C. B. Dampeer.

Oakvale—D. N. Langston and Leon Polk.

Prentiss—J. A. Maxwell, C. R. Dale and T. J. Moore.

Providence—J. M. Brewer.

Rehoboth—C. E. Simmons.

Shiloh—W. R. Gibson and E. B. White.

Silver Creek—W. B. Stringer, W. E. Fortenberry, and W. M. Langston.

Society Hill—L. D. Posey, Wade Polk, J. M. Fortenberry, June F. Bass, N. S. Buckley, and John Stamps.

Whitesand—L. A. Miller, T. J. Batton, and Webb Bass.

A motion prevailed to suspend the regular order of business and elect officers by acclamation.

Bro J. M. Polk placed in nomination for re-election the present incumbents, which was seconded by Rev. J. P. Williams.

There being no other nominations Rev. J. P. Williams was requested to cast one vote for all, and Elder R. Drummond was declared Moderator; Wade Polk, Clerk; and Rev. L. D. Posey, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Hathorn, Arm and Bismarck churches presented letters asking for admission to this association.

By motion these churches were received into the body, and the hand of fellowship extended to the messengers from these churches, by the moderator of this association and the clerk authorized to enroll the names of the delegates.

The hour having arrived for the preaching of the Association-  
al Sermon, after a song by the congregation, Elder J. P. Williams preached a soul-stirring sermon from Luke 16:2, his subject being "Stewardship." The subject was so analyzed that it was helpful and inspiring to all who heard.

Adjournment for one hour.

## EVENING EXERCISES.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and, after singing by the Congregation and prayer by Elder D. W. McLeod, the association was called to order by moderator.

On motion the Association adopted the order of business published in the minutes of last year, viz:

- First—Enrolling delegates by Clerk.
- Second—Election of officers.
- Third—Call for petitionary letters.
- Fourth—Receive and arrange correspondence.
- Fifth—Revision of committees.
- Sixth—Appointment of special committees.
- Seventh—Report of committees.
- Eighth—Miscellaneous business.
- Ninth—Resolutions etc.
- Tenth—Adjournment.

There was a motion made and seconded to appoint a committee on finance and file the letters from the churches with the clerk for compiling without consuming the time that should be given to the discussion of reports to come before the body.

After a discussion of the subject a division of the motion was called for and agreed to.

Motion was carried in favor of the finance committee, and Bros. W. R. Gibson, J. H. Johnston and W. J. Armstrong appointed as finance committee.

The motion to file the letters with the clerk was lost and Bros. J. B. Dale and Elder T. J. Batton appointed reading clerks and association proceeded to business.

After the reading of the letters Rev. J. P. Williams moved that a committee be appointed, to get a report on special items of interest from reading the letters to the Association. Rev. L. D. Posey seconded the motion, which was carried, and Revs. J. P. Williams, J. M. Ritchie, and W. C. Dale were appointed said committee.

Received correspondence as follows:

Mississippi College—Prof. A. J. Aven.

Baptist Record—Rev. O. M. Lucas.

Gulf Coast Association—Rev. W. H. Boone.

Strong River Association—Revs. C. E. Welch, and J. C. Robinson.

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Pearl River Association—Rev. T. D. Cox and Bro. Richard Turnage.

Lincoln Association—Rev. J. E. Lowe

Rankin County Association—D. W. McLeod.

Pearl Leaf Association—Fleet Burrow.

Mississippi Baptist—Rev. W. H. Boone.

Bro. T. J. Batton represented Home Field and F.M. Journal. The Gem was represented by Bro. —

Arranged correspondence as follows:

On motion, Resolved, that concerning the return of correspondence to other bodies with whom this association holds fraternal relationship, we hereby empower any member of any church belonging to this association who can and will attend upon the sessions of these, taking this resolution as a letter of recommendation, shall be our messenger.

To the Baptist State Convention—Revs. J. P. Williams, T. J. Moore, L. D. Posey, and R. Drummond, J. O. Buckley, and Bros. W. R. Gibson, J. M. Armstrong, E. L. Polk, C. R. Dale, E. B. White, W. J. Armstrong, and A. H. Dale.

Bro. A. H. Dale was elected our delegate to Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. R. Drummond, Alternate.

On motion the Association pay the expenses of delegate to said convention.

On motion the money now in hand, collected for expenses of delegate to Southern Baptist Convention last year, be appropriated for that purpose this year.

The Pastor and deacons of Society Hill church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

Bro. A. H. Dale was appointed on Layman's Missionary Movement.

Bros. J. M. Fortenberry, E. B. White, and D. M. Lee were appointed a committee on nominations.

On motion, the Reports on Missions and Laymen's Missionary Movement were set for 10 o'clock tomorrow, Saturday.

On motion, Sunday 10 o'clock was set for special hour for Sunday School Mass Meeting, to be conducted by Bro. J. E. Bird, and 11 o'clock, special hour for consideration of Orphanage Re-

port and to hear J. R. Carter talk of his work in the management of same.

The Report on Publications was read by J. P. Williams and by motion adopted.

The discussion of the report was made by Revs. J. P. Williams, T. J. Moore, and O. M. Lucas. The Report is as follows:

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is taken for granted that the Bible is the first in importance of all publications, but the special object of this report is to keep before the churches represented in this body those publications that aid in furthering our organized work.

Therefore we mention The Orphanage Gem, Jackson, Miss., price 25 cts.; the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., 35 cts. 25 cts. in clubs; the Home Mission Journal, Atlanta, Ga., 25 cts. per annum; the Convention Series of Sunday School Literature; and The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., \$2.00 per annum.

The value of these publications can't be realized unless we keep in mind that the work of the denomination could not go forward without some such means of communication. We would call special attention to the weekly State paper. Its columns are open to the Secretaries, Pastors, and all interested parties. It is a bureau of information. Observation shows that those who take the paper are at the front in the work, and are ever ready to respond to all the worthy calls. Therefore we recommend to our people that they take and read these papers.

We further suggest the wisdom of having some one within our bounds to handle other religious literature for the convenience of those who wish supplies of this kind.

The Committee.

J. P. Williams.

On motion, Rev. R. J. Boone was made colporteur for our association territory, P. O., Silver Creek, Miss.

The following brethren were appointed on the apportionment committee: E. L. Polk, G. W. Johnston, Lucius Thames, H. W. Longino, J. M. Brewer, A. H. Dale, D. M. Lee, J. M. Ritchie, John R. Cox, C. B. Dampeer, Leon Polk, J. A. Maxwell, J. W.



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Brewer, E. B. White, C. E. Summers, W. E. Fortenberry, N. S. Buckley, L. A. Miller, S. C. Buckley, J. B. Dale, W. J. Armstrong, and C. E. Summers.

Reports of committees called for.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. J. O. Buckley and discussed by Revs. J. P. Williams, L. D. Posey, and Prof. A. J. Aven.

Further discussion of the Report was suspended and adjourned till tomorrow 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Moore.

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 SECOND DAY.
 

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9 o'clock a. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment and song service.

Bro. C. R. Dale leading the opening prayer.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. W. McLeod, reading from 6th to 12th verses, 1st chapter Acts. Prayer being led by Elders T. J. Batton and J. P. Williams.

The discussions of the report on Ministerial Education was resumed and spoken to by Elders J. O. Buckley, W. D. McLeod, L. D. Posey, and T. J. Moore and adpted by a rising vote.

The Report is as follows:—

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Baptist do not believe in man made preachers, man can not give us the new birth. God alone can do that, yet when God has called a soul from darkness to light, that soul may be more useful by training or education.

So with a man called of God to the ministry, his usefulness may be enlarged by education.

College education is not essential to success in the ministry. But that education is a great help to the man who feels called of God to preach the Gospel is no longer questioned among right thinking Baptists.

The fact that some men have been successful under God in this great work without a college education does not prove that with the proper training in college such men could have been more useful in the Master's work.

Every young man who feels called of God to this great work should obtain the very best training that lies within his reach, so that he may be able to keep pace with men of all other walks of life.

Just why God calls men to the work of the ministry, who are not able to educate themselves is not ours to say, but that it is true all admit. So, to meet the need of this class of young men, our Baptist State Convention has a Board of Ministerial Education, with W. T. Lowrey, Clinton, Miss., as President, whose duty it is to see after the financial needs of this class of young preachers who attend Mississippi College. Our people are fostering no worthier work than this, so let us give it our hearty cooperation and liberal support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Buckley.

The Report on Temperance was read and discussed by Elders C. E. Simmons, T. J. Moore and J. P. Williams and after striking out the tobacco clause and substituting statutory prohibition and constitutional amendment and memorializing Congress, etc. was adopted as follows: Your committee on Temperance reports as follows:

#### TEMPERANCE.

The term Temperance as used in the appointment of this committee, refers especially to the liquor traffic, which is one of the giants of our day. The attitude of every

Christian towards this intoxicating evil should be that of unceasing warfare. No consecrated Christian will, or can, ever look on the sale of the accursed stuff without feelings of disgust, horror, and holy indignation. Our churches can never become too strict in discipline when dealing with those who encourage the use or sale of intoxicating liquor.

Therefore we recommend that this association place itself on record as favoring statutory and constitutional prohibition by our State and we hereby ask our immediate Representatives and Senators in the next session of our Legislature to labor for and vote to that end. And further: that we favor the passage of such a law by our next National Congress as will prohibit the use of all international public carriers and our postal system in the transportation of intoxicants or advertisements of intoxicants into prohibition territory.

In this connection we would call attention to the tobacco evil, which, while not so disgusting, depraving, or deadly, is a wide spread cause of depravity and ruin. No man can attain to his full stature of usefulness as a Christian, while a slave to the use of tobacco. We long to see the time when this deadly evil will be considered in the list of intemperate things and be discussed in our Association as injurious to health and Christian usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Simmons

The Report on Laymen's Missionary Movement was read and discussed by Bros. A. H. Dale, C. R. Dale, and Prof. A. J. Aven and was adopted.

#### THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement is an awakening of the Christian Laymen to the urgency of the great commission. It is simply an honest attempt on the part of Laymen to fulfill in the next twenty-five years, our Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature. It is a practical undertaking by practical Christian men in a plain, practical way. Its aim is to induce the Christian Laymen to employ his money, his time and his intelli-

gence in his religion, in the same practical, common-sense way as he does in his business or profession. Its purpose is to stimulate and arouse men to action. It is possible to give, in the next twentyfive years, to every man a chance to be saved. The doors are open in every nation, the vessels of commerce are waiting to carry the messengers of the cross to every clime, vast stores of wealth are in the hands of our Christian Laymen, while men and women are eager to bear the tidings of salvation to the end of the earth. The world would be Christian today, had it not been for the indifference of Christians of past ages and their unwillingness to obey the Master's command. There may be missionaries who are not Christians, but every Christian should be a missionary. Let us so push the movement that our Boards shall not be disappointed. The motto of the Laymen's Movement is, "We can and we will" give the Gospel to the entire world during this generation. That means that within twenty-five years there will be a church or a mission in easy reach of every human being on earth should the purpose of this movement be accomplished.

Your committee insist that the Lawrence County Association give this movement every encouragement possible and that Laymen in every community within her bounds organize into local organization.

A. H. Dale,  
Committee.

Elder A. V. Rowe was welcomed to a seat in the body.

The report on Missions was read by Elder L. D. Posey and discussed by Rev. A. V. Rowe with such eloquence and earnestness that the congregation could but catch enthusiasm and inspiration to such a degree that those who heard will enlarge their contributions to missions in the future.

The report was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Bible is distinctively a book of Missions, both as to its teachings, and the practice of those who under God did the things recorded in its sacred pages. There is no longer any need for arguments to prove that the Bible teaches missions; that is too

plain to be controverted; but those who are not missionary both in belief and practice are either ignorant of what the Bible teaches, or are hardened in sin and rebellion against God, or blinded by prejudice. The prophets were missionaries, John the Baptist was a missionary, Jesus Christ was the prince of missionaries; the apostles were missionaries, and the apostolic churches were Missionary Baptist churches.

The New Testament churches sent preachers to preach the gospel and organize where the gospel had never been preached; they took subscriptions and afterward collected the same; they sent men to carry means of support to those who were out on the field doing missionary work; they sent men to visit the newly organized churches; they had men to visit the older churches and stir them up with regard to the work that was being done. In short we have a Scriptural warrant for all that we are doing in our efforts to carry out the "great commission".

As to the terms "Foreign", "Home" and "State" missions, these are simply divisions for convenience in executing the work; the principle is the same; the efforts are one in the furtherance of the cause of Christ.

During last convention year, the Baptists in the ranks of the Southern Baptist Convention gave \$403,811.54, for Foreign missions, and there were 2,239 baptisms on the foreign fields, besides the work done in printing and distributing tracts, Bibles, Testaments, and other religious literature; the teaching of thousands of boys and girls in schools; the successful treatment of thousands of patients by our medical missionaries; and the theological teaching and training of native preachers on the foreign fields; in fact a work so great that eternity alone can tell its vastness.

During the past year twenty-one new missionaries were sent out, and the work for the present year is planned on a basis of \$750,000.

The importance of the work of Home missions can only be realized by those who read and keep themselves posted as to the conditions prevailing in our large cities, in Cuba, in the mountainous sections, and on the western frontier. There is not



room in a report to give any adequate idea of the conditions. But the work for the last convention year was simply without parallel both as to the amount given, and the results obtained. The amount received from all sources for Home missions was \$231,834.03, and there were 18,798 baptisms on the Home mission fields.

The developement of our State in recent years has made State missions one of the greatest works now before us, and largely the basis for all other Christian enterprises in this State. The new lines of railroad have caused many new towns and cities to spring up almost as by magic, and these must be occupied, held and directed by the Baptists of the State, or they will be controlled by the forces of evil, and our own children be led to destruction. If we appreciate the blessings of God let us do more for State missions.

Notwithstanding the awful destruction caused by the storm last September, we gave more for this cause last year than ever before, and the Lord gave us the greatest harvest of souls of any year in the history of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. Posey.

Adjournment for one hour.

Prayer by Rev. J. R. Carter.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. The congregation sang, "Happy Day" and Rev. J. E. Lowe leading in prayer.

Rev. J. R. Carter, Superintendent of the Orphanage, was welcomed to a seat in the association.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read and approved as follows:

We, your committee on finance beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

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| Balance on hand from last year .....                 | \$56 78  |
| Received and turned over to treasurer from this year |          |
| Foreign missions, .....                              | \$182 75 |
| Home missions, .....                                 | 116 00   |

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| State missions.....     | 47 60    |
| Orphanage,.....         | 50 14    |
| Minutes and clerk,..... | 70 35    |
| Not accounted for,..... | 2 60     |
| Sustentation.....       | 9 50     |
| Total,.....             | \$535 72 |

J. M. Armstrong,  
W. R. Gibson,  
J. H. Johnston.

The Treasurer made report, which was on motion adopted,  
as follows:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. D. Posey, in account with the Lawrence County Association.

## For Associational Purposes.—

1906.

—Dr.—

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| Oct. 18. From Former Treasurer.....        | \$3 95  |
| 18. From Churches during Association, .... | 49 35   |
| 23. From Bethany Church,.....              | 5 65    |
| Total,.....                                | \$58 95 |

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| Nov. 29. Paid Wade Polk, Associational Clerk, ..... | \$20 00 |
| 29. Printing and Dist. Associational Minutes, ..... | 30 17   |
| Total, .....  | \$50 17 |
| Balance on hand for Associational Purposes,....     | \$8.78  |

## For Missions.—

1906.

—Dr.—

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| Oct. 18. From Churches for State Missions, .... | \$25 00  |
| From Churches for Home Missions, ....           | 6 50     |
| From Churches for Foreign Missions, .....       | 55 20    |
| From Churches for General Missions, .....       | 182 26   |
| 23. From Bethany Ch. for Home Missions, .....   | 15 00    |
| From Bethany Ch. for State Missions, .....      | 17 80    |
| Total, .....                                    | \$301 76 |

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| Oct. 18. Paid Eld. A. V. Rowe for State Missions, | \$25 00         |
| Paid Eld. A. V. Rowe for Home Missions,           | 6 50            |
| Paid Eld. A. V. Rowe for Foreign Miss.            | 55 20           |
| Paid Eld. A. V. Rowe for General Miss.,           | 182 26          |
| 24. Paid Eld. A. V. Rowe for Home Missions,       | 15 00           |
| Paid Eld. A. V. Rowe for State Missions,          | 17 80           |
| Total, .....                                      | <u>\$301 76</u> |

For Orphanage.—

1906.

—Dr.—

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| Oct. 19. From Churches for Orphanage, ..... | \$23 00 |
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| Oct. 20. Paid Eld. J. R. Carter for Orphanage, | \$23 00 |
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For messenger to Southern Baptist Convention—

1907.

—Dr.—

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| From Churches at various dates this year, | \$51 10 |
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| May 14-15. Spent in effort to reach Convention, ... | \$3 10 |
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| Balance now on hand for this purpose, | <u>\$48 00</u> |
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—Dr.—

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| Sept. 20. Received from Finance Committee for, |                 |
| Foreign Missions, .....                        | \$182 75        |
| Home Missions, .....                           | 116 00          |
| State Missions, .....                          | 47 60           |
| Orphanage, .....                               | 4 10            |
| Minutes and Clerk, .....                       | 70 35           |
| Unaccounted for, .....                         | 2 60            |
| Sept. 21. Collection for Sustentation, .....   | 9 50            |
| Sept. 22. Collection for Orphanage, .....      | 46 04           |
| Total, .....                                   | <u>\$478 94</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. Posey.

The Report on Woman's Work was read by Rev. T. J. Batton,  
and discussed by Rev. T. J. Moore and adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON WOMENS' WORK.

Women bear a personal responsibility to God as well as men; and they must answer to him for the manner in which they meet their responsibility.

These facts are recognized by the women of our churches, and they have set about to organize a system of co-operative work for the development of the mission spirit in our churches, and the promulgation of the gospel throughout the world. They have an established system of publications of their own, furnishing a bureau of information about the mission work. Tracts are published and furnished from Baltimore, including "Our Home Fields," Topic Cards and monthly literature for use in the societies; also departments in the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field, and a page every week in the Baptist Record. Information is not only published through these channels, but is read and studied religiously, so that the best informed people in our churches today in missionary matters are the women. This information takes shape in practical missionary interest and endeavor. They have a special week of prayer for missions, and a week of self denial. At Christmas a special offering is made for China; at another time an offering for Home Missions, and another for State Missions.

Their enterprises include the contribution of boxes for missionaries of the Home Board, of household necessities; also the equipment and support of the Margaret Home for the care and education of missionaries' children who may be sent back here for that purpose. They have just completed the Tichenor Memorial Fund of \$20,000.00 as a loan fund for building churches; and are still working for a mountain school fund, and a hospital in China; also through the Sunbeams for a school in China, and one in El Paso, Texas. They have just assumed the support and management of the Training School in Louisville for young ladies in training to be missionaries, for which about \$15,000.00 has already been subscribed. Their contributions throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention from the past year were \$154,709.83. The reported contributions of the societies in

Mississippi last year were \$18,000.00. And this was accomplished with societies in less than half of our churches. What might they not do if there were a society in every church, and every woman a member of it? They are undertaking to raise this year \$100,000 for Foreign Missions, and \$75,000 for Home Missions.

Your committee recommends the organization and maintenance of a society in each of our churches, and that our women share an honorable part in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Maxwell, Committee.

The committee appointed yesterday on items of interest from the reading of the associational letters reported as follows:

Your committee on items of interest note the following: We find that all the churches report baptisms except one. The sum total being 199, which is 16 fewer than last year. Seventeen out of twenty-two churches have Sunday Schools; three of those seventeen reporting two each, making twenty in all—an increase of six over last year.

All the churches except two report something for missions, the sum total for this cause being \$1626.62,—an increase of \$207.46 over last year.

Only three churches report anything for ministerial education, the whole amount being \$39.75, a decrease of \$19.60 from last year. Ten churches report contributions to the Orphanage, giving in all \$169.18, lacking twelve cents of being as much as was given last year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Williams,

Chr. Committee.

The Report on Church Discipline was read by Bro. D. M. Lee, and discussed by Bro. Lee, Revs. J. M. Ritchie and L. D. Posey. Adopted as follows:

#### CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

All organized bodies have their code of discipline by which they are governed. The church of God has the New Testament for its guide.



Articles of faith, church covenant, and rules of decorum founded upon the Word of God are methods adopted by the church for her government and should be obeyed.

When we unite with the church, we take a solemn vow to be loyal and faithful to the church, and to God.

Hence it is our imperative duty to live up to the covenant and rules of decorum, and support the church and do all in our power to promote God's kingdom. But when a member of the church refuses or neglects to work in harmony with the church, or indulges in out broken sin, it is the duty of those who are more spiritual to teach him and show him the error of his way.

Christ taught his disciples by the seaside, the roadside, and in the synagogues and his last words were, "Go teach all nations."

Discipline means training and development, subjection to rule, submissiveness to order and control, corrective faults.

The enforcement of methods of corrections against one guilty of ecclesiastical offences, the gospel missions is a persuasive one, so let us deal with our erring brethren kindly teaching and persuading them to reform their lives.

But after the church has done all she can to reclaim those who walk disorderly by gentle means, and such disorderly members persist in their course, let the church withdraw fellowship from them. 2d Thes., iii, 6; 5th and 6th Chapters 1st Cor.

D. M. Lee, Committee.

The Report on Denominational schools was read and by motion adopted. It being discussed by Prof. A. J. Aven.

The report is as follows:

#### DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Southern Baptists own a theological seminary located at Louisville, Kentucky, organized and equipped for training pastors evangelists, and missionaries for larger usefulness. To this Seminary, Mississippi sends a number of young men and women each year for special preparation, and this fact of itself secures to us an interest there. Mississippi Baptists have a peculiar treasure in the possession of Mississippi College. It is not a the-

ological school as some suppose tho' a great many preachers at home and abroad have been educated there; many having made splendid records in the homeland and on foreign fields; but it is strictly a literary institution, equipped and designed to develop and discipline minds. Such subjects as language, literature, history, mathematics, biology, chemistry, and philosophy are taught. There is a course of Bible study, but it is given to other students as well as to young preachers, and is only one of the many studies given in the course. So the purpose of the institution is to make strong, intelligent men,—men able to think, and then able to express those thoughts.

Let the preacher get his literary course at Mississippi College, then go to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; let the lawyer get his literary training at Clinton, then specialize elsewhere; and so with those who intend to be doctors, engineers, business men, teachers, and farmers. Get your literary education at a Christian school,—lay a deep, broad foundation there, then specialize elsewhere.

Since this Association convened last year, the building campaign led by the president, has closed, and now two new buildings almost complete stand as monuments to denominational faithfulness.

The number of students enrolled last session was 440, and the faculty fully expects that almost 500 will matriculate at the opening of next session.

Before closing this paper I should not forget to mention Blue Mountain and Hillman Colleges for young women. Although they are not owned by the denomination, yet they are under the control of individuals who are Baptists and to them our patronage should go.

Let us as a denomination, forever be faithfully loyal to our very own institutions. Let us pray for them, work for them, subscribe and pay to them, and patronize them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Batton, Committee.

Report on Relation of Pastor and Church was read by Rev. T. J. Moore and on motion adopted.

The report was discussed by Rev. T. J. Moore, and is as follows:

### RELATION OF PASTOR AND CHURCH.

Scarcely a more important subject than this ever comes before a body of Baptist people for consideration. A mistfit of pastor and church will grealy hinder if not totally destroy the power of both the minister and the church. Every church must have its pastor. Without him the church will soon come to naught. Churches should recognize in their pastors the God-chosen vessels for leaders and for the public proclamation of truth. Pastors should realize that their churches are "pillars and ground of the truth." They are mutually and indispensably necessary to each other.

The union of pastor and church should never be consummated hastily and without much prayer to God who is the Great Bishop both over his flocks and his undershepherds. He knows the folds and the shepherds and if given the right of way through prayer and humble submission to this leadership there will be no misfits.

There should be no limit of time in the arrangement between church and pastor. If God forms the union it is hard for us to think that He will hasten to dissolve it.

While a church is not to blindly follow the pastor simply because he holds that office yet no church should put one into that high office whom they cannot with great confidence lean upon for council and leadership. No advice nor suggestion of his should ever be lightly esteemed or carelessly put aside. He is God's appointed and, while he is not infallible, his judgment should be carefully sought and weighed upon all matter concerning the well being of the church and all spiritual interest of the community.

The church should see to it that the pastor has an adequate

support based upon such perfect business principles that he shall be entirely free from financial strain or annoying anxiety.

The pastor should give himself wholly to the service of the flock of God over which he has been appointed, and has not time to earn his own support.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Moore, Chr. Committee.

The committee on apportionment reported as follows: Antioch, \$40; Bethel, \$45; Bethany, \$100; Bismarck, \$25; Crooked Creek, \$75; Calvary, \$250; Hepzibah, \$60; Hebron, \$225; Monticello \$150; New Hope, \$25; New Zion, \$31.50; New Hebron, \$75; Oakvale, \$25; Prentiss, \$325; Providence, \$65; Rehoboth, \$20; Shiloh, \$50; Silver Creek, \$50; Society Hill, \$150; White Sand, \$60; Arm, \$25; Hathorn, \$25. Amounting to \$1897.50

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Polk, Chr.

Bro. Richard Turnage was recognized a messenger from Pearl River Association.

The Report on Sustentation was read and on motion adopted, being discussed by Elds. J. M. Ritchie, T. J. Moore, A. J. Aven, and A. V. Rowe, after which a collection for the fund was taken amounting to \$9 50.

The report follows:

#### SUSTENTATION.

Your committee on Sustentation submits the following:

First, we are of opinion that churches ought to look after the poor, but especially over old ministers who have given their life's work to the churches.

We believe it to be the duty of every church and association to contribute to the support of our old ministers. Sustentation was gotten up in our associations expressly to look after our old ministers, but little has ever been given along this line, but

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we hope we will look to this part of our work with more interest in the future than in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Ritchie, Committee.

The report on nominations was read and on motion adopted, after being amended so as to read Prentiss in place of New Zion, and on Friday in place of Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1908, and the following brethren to write on the subjects following their respective names, viz:

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| J. O. Buckley,  | Missions.                      |
| A. T. Longino,  | Denominational Schools.        |
| Wade Polk,      | Relation of Pastor and Church. |
| Leon Tyrone,    | Publications.                  |
| A. H. Dale,     | Orphanage.                     |
| L. D. Posey,    | Ministerial Education.         |
| G. W. Johnston, | Sunday Schools.                |
| J. P. Williams, | Church Discipline.             |
| E. B. White,    | Sustentation.                  |
| R. J. Boone,    | Temperance.                    |
| T. J. Batton,   | Laymen's Missionary Movement.  |

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Fortenberry,

D. M. Lee,

E. B. White.

On motion the correction of the minutes of this meeting of the Association, was left to the Moderator and Clerk.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association is hereby authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of Association are hereby tendered to the members of Society Hill Church and to the friends of the community at large for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Prayer by Rev. T. D. Cox.



## THIRD DAY.

Sunday, September, 22, 1907.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. J. R. Carter.

Rev. J. E. Lowe conducted the devotional exercises, reading the first 30 verses of 12th Chapter of Matthew.

Bro. J. E. Byrd leading the prayer.

Bro. J. E. Byrd was welcomed by Moderator, in behalf of the Association.

The Moderator announced that the Association was in readiness for the Reports on Sunday Schools and the Orphanage, which were by motion set for Sunday.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. C. R. Dale.

Before beginning the discussion of the report, Eld. R. R. Turnage made a request that all Christians present, make special prayer for the speakers who might speak to the report, asking all who would to give a dollar to build a church house in the town of Hathorn, that they, too, might have a Sunday School.

The congregation sang "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," while a collection was being taken, which amounted to \$21.65.

The Report was discussed by Bros. C. R. Dale and J. E. Byrd to the edifying of all present.

The Report was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would submit the following: Our Saviour's command, to teach, was spoken in close connection with his command to preach. These commands in their separate connection are "preach the gospel to every creature" and "teach all nations". To secure their fulfillment throughout the coming centuries, all authority both in Heaven and in Earth, is placed behind them, and the personal presence of their author is promised "even unto the end of the world."

The construction placed by our Lord's disciples upon these two commands, is clearly shown in Luke's account, which states that,

"daily in the temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Christ." We have therefore the plain words of our risen Lord, coupled with the example of his disciples, to mark the path that we must follow.

The work of Christ's churches is purely, both "to teach and preach." To do one to the neglect or exclusion of the other, is like trying to smile with one side of your face at a time. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed," but the solemn injunction of the risen Saviour in his last earthly words, make plain the fact that saved men should be taught in order that they may "observe all things whatsoever," He has "commanded them."

With this assurance then, that the Sunday School is the Church engaged in studying and teaching the scriptures, that this work is clearly authorized in the Bible, that it is the richest and ripest field for christian endeavor at the present time, that our Southern Baptist Convention and our State Convention, are seeking wisely to emphasize it as a factor in our developement, and that for us as churches and as an Association, it presents a wide open door of splendid opportunities, your Committee would earnestly recommend:

1st. That all our churches put more life, energy, and consecration into this imperative teaching work committed to them.

2nd. That every Sunday School be kept open if possible every Sunday in the year.

3rd. That special effort be made by Pastors, Superintendents, and other workers to enlist in the Sunday School the adult members of our churches as well as an increasing attendance on the part of the children.

4th. That we encourage the organization of branch and mission schools wherever practicable, so that a Sunday School may be accessible to every man, woman, and child within our Associational bounds.

5th. That each School send full report to the Association, so that the Sunday School table in the minutes may contain complete statistics.

6th. That our schools provide themselves with Baptist Literature (as that furnished by our Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee), ordering the same some ten or fifteen days before it is needed for distribution.

7th. That we arrange with our State Sunday School Secretary to hold within our territory during the coming year one or more Sunday School Institutes with a view to training our officers and teachers and improving our Sunday School condition.

8th. That we heartily indorse the Sunday School department of our Baptist State Convention, and that we recognize, "Sunday School Missions" as one of our regular objects of benevolence, and that we commit ourselves to contribute regularly towards its maintenance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Dale.

The report on Orphanage was read by John B. Dale, discussed by Rev. J. R. Carter D. D., and others, and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

After the preaching of the Gospel of Christ there is nothing before the Baptists of Miss. of greater importance than the maintenance of the orphan's home at Jackson, Miss., with its one hundred and thirty-eight destitute and helpless children. This home is presided over by Supt. J. R. Carter, with his able assistants, and is intended as a home for every helpless white child in the State. Brethren, this is our property acquired by our money.

The children are our heritage, bequeathed to us by the providences of God, who has made it our duty to support and maintain them, which I conclude has been amply done so far but when we understand that continual application for admission is being made, and the number continually increasing we find increased expenses and renewed obligations which behoove us to put forth renewed efforts to meet. Money, food, or clothing given to the orphanage is as bread cast upon the water to return after many days. so let all give to the orphanage and receive the blessings of God. For surely the once neglected orphan who has spent five

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or ten years with those Godly people will return after maturity and make better citizens to bless our land and country and thus create a reflex influence that will ebb and flow till the end of time.

Respectfully submitted.

Jno. B. Dale.

Adjourned to meet at Prentiss, Miss. on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1908.

WADE POLK,  
Secretary.

R. DRUMMOND,  
Moderator.

## CHURCHES

| CHURCHES                    | Delegates to S B Convention |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|--|------|
|                             | Womans' Missionary Society  |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Seating Capacity            |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Value of Church Property    |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Other Purposes              |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Church Expenses             |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Sunday School Work          |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Colportage                  |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Sustentation                |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| S. B. T. Seminary           |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Mississippi College         |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Incidentals                 |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Orphanage                   |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Ministerial Education       |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| To the Poor                 |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Expended on Church Property |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Other Objects               |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Paid Visiting Ministers     |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| General Missions            |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| State Missions              |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Home Missions               |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Foreign Missions            |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Pastor's Salary             |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| No. Minutes                 |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Paid for Minutes            |                             |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       |      |  |      |
| Antioch                     | 3 00                        | 20  | 125    | 11 06  | 2 65   |        |        | 16 70  | 20 25  | 800 00 | 8 00   |       | 13 13  |        |        |      |      |      |        | 3 00   |        |       | 1065 |  |      |
| Arm                         | 2 00                        | 15  | 75     |        |        |        |        | 58 40  |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        | 3 50   |        |       | 1000 |  |      |
| Bethel                      | 3 75                        | 25  | 100    |        |        |        |        | 13 85  |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 500  |  |      |
| Bethany                     | 3 50                        | 50  | 250    | 36 00  | 35 00  | 11 00  | 30 00  | 50 00  |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 500  |  |      |
| Bismarck                    | 5 00                        | 5   | 150    | 2 85   | 2 85   | 2 75   | 6 55   | 50 00  |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 500  |  |      |
| Crooked Creek               | 2 60                        | 18  | 150    |        |        |        | 68 50  | 31 35  |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 500  |  |      |
| Calvary                     | 2 15                        | 40  | 400    | 170 00 | 140 00 | 116 10 | 110 00 | 110 00 | 82 50  | 25 00  | 25 00  | 28 00 | 16 35  | 4 00   |        |      |      |      |        | 2 30   | 160 21 |       | 1000 |  |      |
| Hezibah                     | 2 00                        | 20  | 125    |        |        |        | 20 00  | 37 40  |        |        |        |       | 30 00  |        |        |      |      |      |        | 5 40   | 100 00 |       | 550  |  |      |
| Hebron                      | 3 00                        | 40  | 225    | 70 00  | 70 00  | 85 00  | 48 75  | 48 75  |        |        |        |       | 55 50  | 97 55  |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 500  |  |      |
| Hathorn                     | 3 00                        | 20  | 180    |        |        |        | 40 00  |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 700  |  |      |
| Monticello                  | 4 50                        | 30  | 250    | 36 25  | 36 25  | 75 00  | 2 50   | 41 00  | 16 50  |        |        |       | 7 50   |        |        |      |      |      |        | 10 00  | 13 50  | 16 50 | 1500 |  | 5 00 |
| New Hope                    | 3 00                        | 20  | 75     | 9 05   | 7 85   |        | 13 00  |        | 5 30   | 300 00 | 10 00  | 5 00  |        |        | 25 00  |      |      |      |        | 5 00   |        |       | 500  |  |      |
| New Zion                    | 3 75                        | 25  | 150    | 10 00  | 10 00  | 7 85   | 24 00  |        |        |        | 8 65   |       | 7 65   | 3 00   |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 800  |  |      |
| New Hebron                  | 3 00                        | 20  | 300    | 9 00   | 5 75   | 6 85   | 63 00  |        | 140 50 |        |        |       | 16 40  | 7 05   |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 700  |  |      |
| Oakvale                     | 3 00                        | 20  | 100    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 800  |  |      |
| Prentiss                    | 4 00                        | 25  | 500    | 138 50 | 121 35 |        | 107 00 | 15 00  | 11 00  | 7 50   | 7 50   |       | 5 00   | 97 65  | 85 00  |      |      |      |        | 15 08  |        |       | 3500 |  |      |
| Providence                  | 4 50                        | 30  | 225    | 21 50  | 10 00  | 10 55  | 35 25  |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        | 9 00   |        |       | 4000 |  |      |
| Rehoboth                    | 2 10                        | 10  | 75     | 2 10   | 2 10   | 4 60   | 11 50  |        | 4 50   |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        | 27 20  |        |       | 1200 |  |      |
| Shiloh                      | 1 50                        | 10  | 150    |        |        | 16 00  |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 350  |  |      |
| Silver Creek                | 30                          | 25  | 150    | 27 40  | 2 00   |        | 18 70  |        |        |        | 20 00  |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        | 12 00  |        |       | 200  |  |      |
| Society Hill                | 3 30                        | 22  | 300    | 60 15  | 63 10  | 25 00  |        |        |        | 14 15  |        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |        |        |        |       | 1500 |  |      |
| White Sand                  | 3 25                        | 17  | 125    | 16 00  | 16 00  | 17 25  | 25 95  |        |        |        |        |       | 14 55  |        |        |      |      |      |        | 19 90  |        |       | 1000 |  |      |
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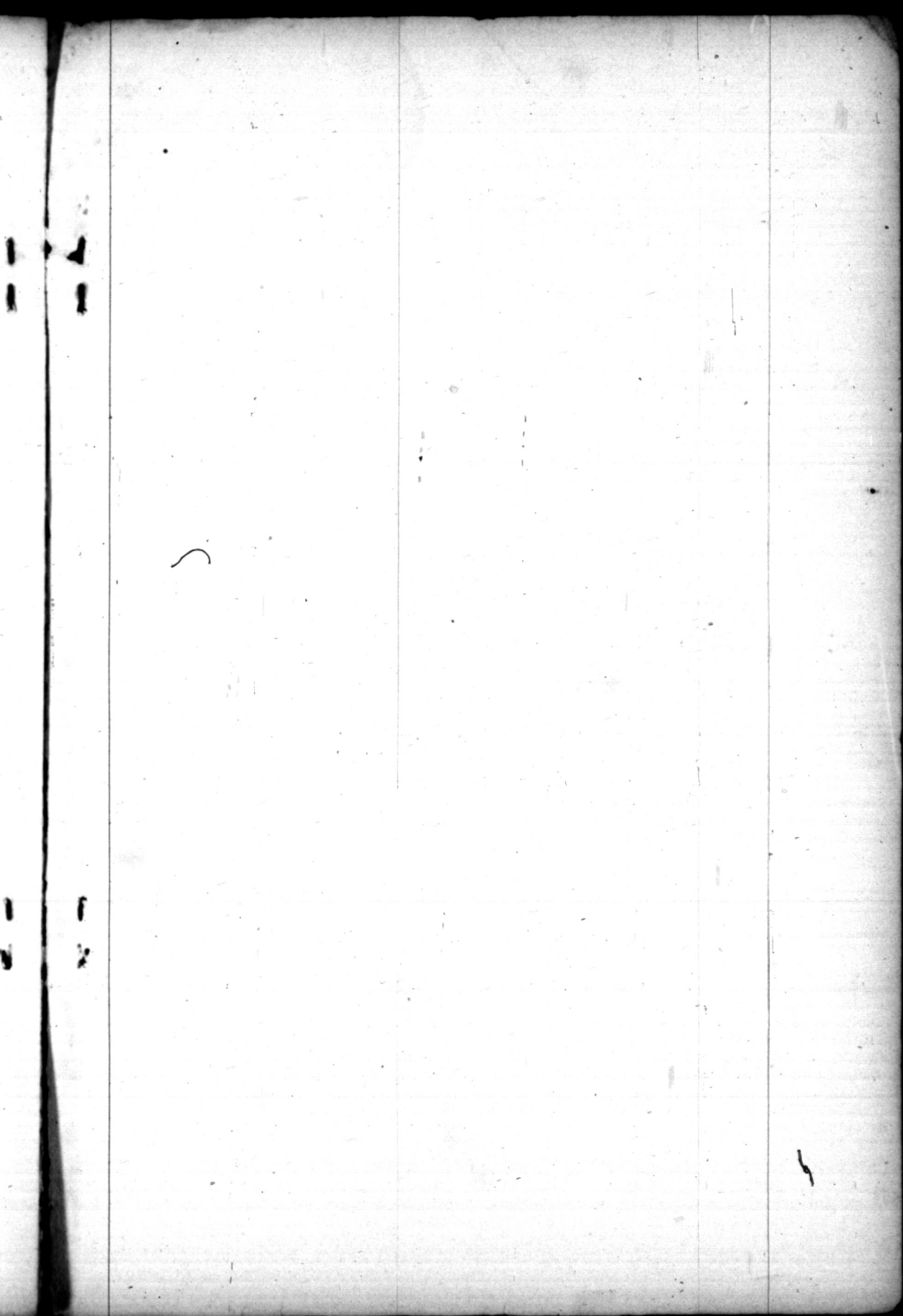
# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES      | ORDAINED<br>Ministers | Licentiates | Baptized | Received by<br>Letter | Restored | Died | Dismissed by<br>Letter | Excluded | Total Increase | Total Decrease | Total Member-<br>ship last year | Total Member-<br>ship this year | No. Sunday<br>Schools | Officers and<br>Teachers | No. Pupils | Average<br>Attendance | No. Baptized | SUPERINTENDENT'S<br>NAME & P. O. | SECRETARY'S NAME<br>AND P. O. |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|------|------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Antioch       | 1                     | 1           | 8        | 3                     | 2        | 1    | 8                      | 5        | 14             | 14             | 194                             | 194                             | 1                     | 4                        | 40         | 37                    | 2            | Alfred Blackwell, Perch          | Lanle Lee, Perch              |
| Arm*          | 1                     | 1           | 4        | 4                     | 3        | 1    | 1                      | 1        | 14             | 11             | 116                             | 119                             | 1                     | 5                        | 53         | 37                    | 2            | W. J. Armstrong, Arm             | A. C. Buckley, Arm            |
| Bethel        | 1                     | 1           | 11       | 2                     | 5        | 1    | 10                     | 2        | 18             | 13             | 197                             | 202                             | 1                     | 3                        | 25         |                       |              | G. M. Price, Sartinville         | W. T. Holmes, Bismarck        |
| Bethany       | 1                     | 1           | 11       | 2                     | 5        | 1    | 10                     | 2        | 18             | 13             | 197                             | 202                             | 1                     | 3                        | 25         |                       |              | J. E. Batton, Hooker             | Maggie Culpepper Hooker       |
| Bismarck      | 1                     | 1           | 11       | 2                     | 5        | 1    | 10                     | 2        | 18             | 13             | 197                             | 202                             | 1                     | 3                        | 25         |                       |              | W. J. Hamilton, Hooker           | Bettie Dale Hooker            |
| Crooked Creek | 1                     | 1           | 7        | 1                     | 1        | 1    | 8                      | 1        | 8              | 12             | 194                             | 196                             | 2                     | 8                        | 100        |                       |              | W. R. Rawls, Silver Creek        | O. R. Stewart, Silver Crk.    |
| Calvary       | 1                     | 1           | 27       | 25                    | 5        | 5    | 5                      | 5        | 52             | 14             | 234                             | 247                             | 1                     | 7                        | 150        |                       |              | 11 R. F. Brantson, Bournham      | Mattie Tolat, Bournham        |
| Hepzibah      | 1                     | 1           | 32       | 10                    | 5        | 3    | 9                      | 9        | 45             | 11             | 254                             | 258                             | 1                     | 4                        | 80         |                       |              | W. C. Hutchins, Hebron           | W. C. Hutchins, Hebron        |
| Hebron        | 1                     | 1           | 15       | 4                     | 4        | 2    | 6                      | 6        | 57             | 8              | 110                             | 110                             | 1                     | 5                        | 59         | 27                    |              | W. C. Maxwell, Monticello        | T. M. Beal Jr., Monticello    |
| Monticello    | 1                     | 1           | 12       | 3                     | 5        | 1    | 6                      | 1        | 20             | 2              | 70                              | 85                              | 2                     | 5                        | 60         |                       |              | J. L. Catt, Monticello, R D 1    | I. E. Nelson, Montic. R. D 1  |
| New Hope      | 1                     | 1           | 9        | 3                     | 1        | 2    | 5                      | 1        | 13             | 8              | 141                             | 154                             | 1                     | 4                        | 35         |                       |              | J. R. Cox, Nola                  | Maggie Maxwell Montic. R 1    |
| New Zion      | 1                     | 1           | 11       | 17                    | 1        | 1    | 3                      | 3        | 6              | 12             | 96                              | 108                             | 1                     | 4                        | 31         |                       |              | H. C. Lane, New Hebron           | J. F. Riley, New Hebron       |
| Oakvale       | 1                     | 1           | 11       | 6                     | 1        | 1    | 3                      | 3        | 3              | 14             | 21                              | 35                              | 1                     | 4                        | 80         |                       |              | S. W. Moore, Oakvale             | Annie Mitchell, Oakvale       |
| Prentiss      | 1                     | 1           | 6        | 10                    | 1        | 1    | 1                      | 3        | 3              | 10             | 124                             | 130                             | 1                     | 6                        | 100        |                       |              | Leon Tyrone, Prentiss            | Bettie Berry, Prentiss        |
| Providence    | 1                     | 1           | 9        | 4                     | 8        | 2    | 2                      | 47       | 21             | 51             | 374                             | 344                             | 1                     | 4                        | 60         |                       |              | C. T. Boyd, Verna                | H. C. Boyd, Verna             |
| Rehoboth      | 1                     | 1           | 3        | 2                     | 1        | 5    | 3                      | 3        | 8              | 54             | 49                              |                                 | 1                     | 3                        | 40         |                       |              | W. R. Gibson, Sontag             | H. F. Buckley Sontag          |
| Shiloh        | 1                     | 1           | 3        | 2                     | 1        | 5    | 4                      | 6        | 6              | 9              | 147                             | 150                             | 1                     | 3                        | 40         |                       |              | W. E. Fortenberry, McGowan       | Rod Rogers, McGowan           |
| Silver Creek  | 1                     | 1           | 9        | 2                     | 1        | 2    | 2                      | 11       | 11             | 26             | 182                             | 147                             | 1                     | 4                        | 82         |                       |              | J. M. Fortenberry, Story         | Lauren Upton, Story           |
| Society Hill  | 1                     | 1           | 9        | 5                     | 1        | 2    | 7                      | 2        | 15             | 29             | 313                             | 299                             | 1                     | 6                        | 75         |                       |              | L. A. Miller, Prentiss           |                               |
| White Sand    | 1                     | 1           | 1        | 2                     | 1        | 2    | 1                      | 3        | 3              | 12             | 134                             | 125                             | 2                     | 6                        | 75         |                       |              |                                  |                               |
| *New Church   | 9                     |             | 199      | 158                   | 32       | 36   | 148                    | 67       | 335            | 267            | 3157                            | 3317                            | 21                    | 80                       | 1290       | 64                    | 24           |                                  |                               |

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

| CHURCHES      | NAMES OF DELEGATES.  | NAME PASTOR     | POSTOFFICE   | SECRETARY         | POSTOFFICE         |
|---------------|--|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Antioch       | J. J. Osteen, L. Thames, Estus McGuffee  | J. R. G. Reeves | McComb       | W. L. McGuffee    | Perch              |
| Arm           | W. J. Armstrong, S. C. Buckley   | J. O. Buckley   | Prentiss     | A. C. Buckley     | Arm                |
| Bethel        | No Delegates   | W. R. Webber    | Wesson       | W. J. Wilson      | Monticello         |
| Bethany       | E. L. Polk, J. M. Polk, S. C. Stamps,  |                 |              |                   |                    |
|               | J. C. Burkett  | R. J. O'Bryant  | Sumrall      | W. H. Stamps      | Lee                |
| Bismarck      | J. E. Price, C. E. Summers   | C. E. Summers   | Sontag       | J. E. Price       | Darbun             |
| Crooked Creek | W. C. Dale, Geo. Johnston, J. M. Sills   | R. Drummond     | New Hebron   | W. C. Dale        | Hooker             |
| Calvary       | J. P. Williams, J. M. Armstrong, H. H. Miller, H. W. Longino                       | J. P. Williams  | Silver Creek | J. M. Armstrong   | Silver Creek       |
| Hepzibah      | J. W. Daniel, W. R. Bourn, W. E. Daniel, J. M. Branton                             | T. J. Batton    | Hooker       | J. A. Daniel      | Bournham           |
| Hebron        | R. Drummond, A. H. Dale, J. H. Johnston, J. B. Rogers                              | R. Drummond     | Hebron       | W. C. Hutchins    | Hebron             |
| Hathorn       | R. R. Turnage, J. B. Dale, L. M. Cooper  | G. H. Suttle    | Clinton      | W. D. Williamson  | Hathorn            |
| Monticello    | W. H. Speights, D. M. Lee  | J. P. Henby     | Brookhaven   | T. M. Beal, Jr.   | Monticello         |
| New Hope      | J. M. Ritchie  | J. R. G. Reeves | McComb       | H. J. Johnson     | Monticello r. d. 1 |
| New Zion      | J. R. Cox, J. N. O'Quin  | W. R. Webber    | Wesson       | J. T. Bass        | Monticello r. d. 1 |
| New Hebron    | H. C. Lane, C. B. Dampeer  | J. H. Lane      | McComb       | J. B. Riley       | New Hebron         |
| Oakvale       | D. N. Langston   | G. H. Suttle    | Clinton      | L. L. Polk        | Oakvale            |
| Prentiss      | T. J. Moore, J. A. Maxwell, C. R. Dale   | T. J. Moore     | Prentiss     | C. R. Dale        | Prentiss           |
| Providence    | J. M. Brewer   | J. L. Price     | Norfield     | J. A. Andrews     | Verna              |
| Rehoboth      | C. E. Summers  | C. E. Summers   | Sontag       | G. L. Crosby      | Tryus              |
| Shiloh        | W. R. Gibson, E. B. White  | J. C. Farrar    | Venus        | W. R. Gibson      | Sontag             |
| Silver Creek  | W. B. Stringer, W. E. Fortenberry,   |                 |              |                   |                    |
|               | W. M. Langston   | J. O. Buckley   | Prentiss     | W. E. Fortenberry | McGowan            |
| Society Hill  | L. D. Posey, Wade Polk, J. F. Bass, J. M. Fortenberry, N. S. Buckley, E. T. Nelson | L. D. Posey     | Silver Creek | G. M. Buckley     | Hathorn            |
| White Sand    | T. J. Batton, L. A. Miller, L. W. Bass   | T. J. Batton    | Hooker       | R. B. Dale        | Prentiss           |

| CHURCHES   | PRESIDENTS W. M. U.  | SECRETARIES   | PRESIDENT B. Y. P. U. | SECRETARY B. Y. P. U. |
|--|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Calvary<br>Hebron<br>Monticello<br>New Hebron<br>Oakvale<br>Prentiss | Mrs. Mollie Fleming, Silver Creek<br>Amanda Drummond, Hebron<br>Laura Beal, Monticello<br>Mrs. Maggie Butler, New Hebron<br>Mrs. M. E. York, Oakvale<br>Mrs. Bettie Clough, Prentiss | Miss Hervia Armstrong<br>Nannie Hutchins<br>Mary L. Brinson<br>Mrs. J. B. Riley<br>Mrs. Mary Stringer<br>Mrs. Nannie Tyrone | A. E. Ferguson        | Cora Armstrong        |



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OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

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## Lawrence County Baptist Association

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HELD WITH

Prentiss Baptist Church, Jefferson Davis County, Miss.

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BEGINNING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1908.

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### OFFICERS:

MODERATOR, REV. R. DRUMMOND, Hebron, Mississippi.

CLERK, WADE POLK, Oakvale, Mississippi.

TREASURER, REV. L. D. POSEY, Silver Creek, Mississippi.

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## Prentiss Baptist Church.

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Friday, October 2nd, 1908.

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The Lawrence County Baptist Association met this day, at the appointed hour, with Prentiss Baptist Church, Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, in its Eighth Annual Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. F. Tull; congregation singing "Oh Land of Rest;" opening prayer being led by Rev. L. D. Posey, and 3rd Chap. Collossians read for morning lesson. Prayer by Rev. J. P. Williams.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business and on motion, the Messengers were requested to hand the letters to the Clerk for enrollment of delegates.

Motion carried that the regular order of business be suspended, and call for petitionary letters, when the following churches presented letters, viz: Sontag, Smith's Ferry, and Ebenezer. On motion, the churches were received and Moderator extended right hand of fellowship to their messengers, and their names were enrolled.

On motion, Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, and motion carried to elect by acclamation.

Rev. R. Drummond was elected Moderator, Wade Polk, Clerk, and Rev. L. D. Posey, Treasurer. Bro. J. E. Byrd led in a special prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit to be with the officers and members of the Association during the session.

As there was no arrangement for the preaching of the Associational Sermon appearing in last year's minutes, a motion carried that Rev. R. J. Boone preach the sermon at this hour, which he did, using for a text: Mathew 24:14, the theme being "The stability of the church of Christ, and the commission to preach the Gospel to all nations," which was earnestly and forcefully rendered.

Adjourned for one hour. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Mize.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment; congregation singing: "Nearer my God to Thee" and "I'll Sing the Wondrous Story," Rev. Oscar Harrington leading in prayer.

Correspondence received as follows: Baptist Record, T. J. Bailey; Strong River, A. G. Berry; Pearl River, H. Guy Hathorn; Lincoln County, Rev. W. T. Darling and Z. P. Jones; Pear Leaf, Rev. J. F. Tull, J. E. Byrd and W. J. Burkett. Home Mission Board, J. P. Williams. Foreign Mission Board, J. B. Quin; Mississippi Association, Rev. Oscar Harrington; Lebanon, Association Rev. C. H. Mize; Theological Seminary, Rev. J. H. Eager; Convention Board, Revs. T. J. Bailey and J. P. Williams,

Arranged correspondence as follows: On motion the same arrangements for corresponding with other bodies for last year be adopted for this year, viz: On motion, resolved, that concerning the return of correspondence to other bodies with whom this Association holds fraternal relationship, we hereby empower any member of any church belonging to this Association who can and will attend upon the sessions of these, taking this resolution as a letter of recommendation shall be our messenger.

On motion, Elds. J. B. Quin and J. P. Williams were elected delegate and alternate respectively, to the Southern Baptist Convention, and the following amounts pledged by the churches to defray their expenses: Antioch, \$2.00; Arm, \$1.00; Bethel, \$2.00; Bethany \$2.00; Crooked Creek, \$2.00; Calvary, \$3.50; Hepsibah, \$2.00; Hebron, \$2.50; Hathorn, \$2.00; Monticello, \$2.50, New Hope, \$1.00; New Zion, \$1.00, Newhebron, \$3.00, Oakvale \$—, Prentiss, \$2.50, Providence, \$2.00; Rehoboth, \$1.50; Shiloh, \$1.00; Silver Creek, \$2.00; Society Hill, \$2.00; Whitesand, \$2.00, Sontag, \$2.00; Smith's Ferry, \$1.00; Ebenezer, \$1.00; Total, \$43.00.

Brethren, V. L. Moore, N. S. Buckley and Leon Tyrone were appointed a committee on finance.

On motion, committees were appointed on Religious Exercises, Items of Special Interest and on Nominations, viz: J. M. Armstrong, Larkin Thompson and L. A. Miller on Nominations; T. I. Batton, D. M. Lee and J. M. Sammons on Items of Special Interest, and Pastor and Deacons of Prentiss Church on Religious Exercises.

Bro. J. E. Byrd being present, and having to leave this afternoon to reach Natchez tomorrow morning, the report on Sunday Schools was called for and read by Bro. G. W. Johnston, and ably discussed by him and Bro. J. E. Byrd, and was adopted as follows:

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### Report on Sunday Schools.

By G. W. JOHNSTON.

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Our Sunday School is a common arm to our church work. We are commanded to teach all nations, and in fulfilling this command we have greater possibilities in our Sunday School work than in any other branch. In this work we are able to train our children in every phase of God's service and to become acquainted with the Bible as no other way presents. To meet on each Sunday and study the word of God in harmony unites the christian tie, and brings about a closer feeling for our co-workers in the service of our Lord.

It is here that the true layman of the church can present his views and discuss with his brethren the true meaning of God's word as he understands it; thus opening up a greater desire to understand the word as it is presented by the pastor.

In our Sunday School work we are brought into a close touch with our children, and great responsibility rests upon us in teaching them. We are the child's steward, to tutor into the right paths of life; and how careful we should be in our training is only made manifest by the path the child takes in after life. We should be ever ready, painstaking and earnest in our teaching because it



is there that the rootlet is planted, the branches are sprouted and the tree is trained. The reverence a child has for the word depends greatly upon its training in our Sunday Schools.

In reviewing last year's statistics we find that we had twenty-two churches with a total membership of thirty-three hundred and seventeen. Out of this number we find that four churches had no Sunday School at all, three churches had two each; giving us a total number of twenty-one Sunday Schools.

At that time we had twelve-hundred and thirty pupils, and eighty officers enrolled. This is a little more than one-third of our church membership if all were members of the church. But we are sure that one-third or possibly one-half of these are not church members. Therefore we see that our church membership is not interested as it should be in the cause of Sunday Schools.

It seems that a great number of our church members are drifting—riding the tide of christianity, to float if possible into a heavenly mansion upon the works of other christians.

Our members should have more interest. It does seem that if a church member is a christian he would be delighted and would take every opportunity presented to meet and study the word of God with his christian brethren; and especially would he delight in leading children into the paths of righteousness by example if not by words.

We are anxious that each and every church within the bounds of our association have at least one, two or three Sunday Schools as the case or possibilities may demand. We urgently recommend that the pastors of each and every church use every influence that he may possess to have a Sunday School organized in every church he supplies. We further recommend that the pastors, superintendents and teachers be more earnest in the Layman's movement, the missionary works, and that all gifts to the cause of God and his works be especially emphasized; because in the Sunday School the seed are sown to bring forth fruit in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. JOHNSTON.

The report on Publications was called for, and was read by Bro. Leon Tyrone, and discussed by him, Elders T. J. Bailey, E. Hanlan and others, and on motion, adopted as follow:

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## Report on Publication.

By LEON TYRONE.

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The printing press has been one of the chief factors in dispensing wholesome knowledge, not only for the enlightenment of civilization, but for the promotion of Christianity; for it has been through the influence of the press that it has been made possible to place a Bible in the hands of the reading world.

No people on earth has stood for freedom of conscience, through the press and democratic principles, perhaps, more than Baptists, thus bringing the printing press under lasting obligations to the Baptist people for its influence and power in the world. Now, that the free press is partially a product of Baptist thought and Baptist principles, ought we not as Baptists make use of it in our religion, as well as our every day business and social life. The advocacy of those principles has given the Bible to millions at a time when it was confined to just a few.

Gladstone said: "My only hope of the world is, bringing the human mind in contact with divine revelation;" then, it is not to be denied that the Bible is the first in importance, of all publications. Were we to eliminate from this subject, the Book of all Books, who would undertake to estimate the value and influence of good literature to our people. It makes us better by supplanting that which is bad within us. It makes us thoughtful by giving us something worthy to think about.

As Baptists, we should be very much interested in the very best literature. Better leave off some of the seeming necessities of life than fail to supply our families with good reading matter. As Baptists of Lawrence County Association and of the State of Mississippi, we should fortify our people with such helps from the press as will

increase their usefulness and power for good in the world. No church is properly equipped for the progress of this age without the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., price, 35 cts. and the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., price, 25 cts. Then our Sunday School Literature is indispensable to a live membership; for the children of today are the membership to-morrow. We cannot afford to be neglectful. Then, we must not forget the Gem that keeps us posted about the workings of the Orphanage, and breathes out love and sympathy in every issue. Then let us remind you that you cannot realize the value of these publications, unless they are constantly visiting your homes. But we wish to call special attention to the Baptist Record, our State paper, published at Jackson for \$2.00 per year. It stands without faltering for all the interest of the Kingdom: Missions, Christian Education, the College, Temperance, Orphanage, Sunday Schools, in fact, all that goes to make our churches what they should be. It ought to be in every one of the 25000 Baptist homes of the State, and read by each of our 135,000 Baptists. Why should it not be? The columns of this paper are open to the secretaries, pastors, in fact to all concerned, making it a bureau of information—a Mississippi Baptist Encyclopedia of knowledge. Therefore, we recommend that our people take and read this paper, and that our pastors urge their people not to neglect such valuable helps. Then, we would commend especially the Mississippi Baptist for the great good it is doing in the Kingdom of our Lord.

The Committee,

LEON TYRONE.

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The committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report: Eld. J. F. Tull will preach in the Baptist Church tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Congregation sang: "Jesus Lover of my Soul," Dr. J. H. Eager leading in the closing prayer.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 1908, MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and congregation sang; "We're Marching to Zion," Eld. T. J. Bailey leading in prayer. Eld. C. H. Mize conducted the devotional exercises, reading the 14th Chapt. of John's Gospel for morning lesson. "Amazing Grace" was sung as seldom heard, and Eld. Mize made an edifying comment on the Chapter, and Moderator R. Frummand lead in prayer. Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Elds. Geo. H. Thompson and J. M. Corley were invited to seats in the Association.

A Committee on Apportionment was appointed as follows: D. R. Longino, W. W. Dale, A. C. Buckley, W. R. Dale, W. J. Wilson, S. T. Hood, S. M. Douglass, G. M. McCullough, I. E. Dortenberry, E. Carlisle, V. L. Moore, John Day, T. J. Magee, S. W. Moore, Chas. Little, J. N. O'Quinn, J. M. Ritchie, Joseph Dale, J. M. Fortenberry, J. M. Price, P. Brady, H. W. Longino, W. C. Dale and J. J. O'Steen.

On motion, 10:30 o'clock was set as the special hour for the report on Missions.

On Motion, a committee on Woman's Work was appointed, consisting of Eld. J. B. Quin, Rowan Stringer and G. W. Johnston.

The report on Relation of Pastor and Church, was called for and read and adopted as follows:

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### Church and Pastor.

By WADE POLK.

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This is the most important subject that ever comes before a body of Baptist people for consideration, because the success of all work that is being fostered by our denomination for the upbuilding of society and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, depends upon

the mutual relationship of pastor and church. The pastor should be able to lead his people intelligently in all things pertaining to church work, for he is the God-chosen vessel to lead and for the proclamation of "The Truth." God has placed upon no one greater responsibilities than he has laid on the pastor, in that, he is required to preach the gospel in its purity and simplicity, and not preach to please men; to lead in Missions, Sunday School work, Temperance and in fact, to lead in all things that tend to the spiritual upbuilding of his flock, over which he is chosen to feed and nurture for God.

The church being a body of baptized believers in Christ, covenanted to work together for and in His visible Kingdom, should recognize in its pastor his leadership and be ever ready to follow his leading and teaching when the Bible sustains him in both his leading and teaching. Every member of his church should daily pray for his pastor's success in the work to which God has called him, to stand by him and encourage him in every way possible and allow no one to speak reproachfully of him in his presence without protesting against such worldly slush.

As the Bible teaches that the laborer (preacher) is "worthy of his hire," the church should see to it, that its pastor shall have adequate support based upon business principles, that he may use his time for study and preparation in his work, that he may be entirely free from financial strain or agonizing anxiety, and the church should require all its members to contribute to his support and to other objects that are fostered by the church in which he is leading, because the christian life is one of work.

Respectfully submitted

WADE POLK.



LAWRENCE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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The Report on the Orphanage, was read and spoken to by Bro. A. H. Dale, and Elds. T. J. Bailey and C. H. Mize, and pending the adoption of the report a collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$52.75. The report was adopted as follows:

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Report on the Baptist Orphanage.

By A. H. DALE.

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Nothing appeals to humanity more than the helplessness of childhood, and nowhere do we see this helplessness more strikingly shown than in the Orphanage, where the fatherless and motherless little ones are being cared for at public expense. The children who live in happy homes, watched over by fond parents, and upon whom a wealth of affection is lavished, can give substantial aid to the Orphanage by urging their parents to make a contribution to this institution. The appeals of the Orphanage should meet with generous response from all parts of the State. If those who have children and those who have none, and those who have parents, will all join in contributing to the care of the orphans, the little folks will be well taken care of and grow up to be sound, sane, healthy, and self-respecting citizens. We notice that they have 161 children now in the Orphanage, 39 more than they had last year, which necessarily calls for larger contributions from us. They need our love, our prayers, and our money to feed and clothe these children.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. DALE.

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The special hour having arrived for the Report on Missions, it was read by Eld. J. O. Buckley, and by special request the Report on Items of Special Interest was read in connection with the

Mission Report, that the Association might hear how much the churches had done for Missions for the Associational year just closed. The Mission Report was discussed by Elds. J. O. Buckley, J. B. Quin, J. H. Eager, J. P. Williams and its further discussion was postponed until in the afternoon,

The Association adjourned for one hour and Eld. W. T. Darling dismissed the congregation.

#### EVENING EXERCISES.

The Association again assembled and the congregation sang: "Revive thy Work Again," and "Sweet Bye and Bye," Eld. J. H. Roberts lead in prayer.

The discussions of the Report on Missions were resumed by Elds. T. J. Bailey, C. H. Mize E. Hanlan and Bro. H. Guy Hathorn. The report was adopted as follows:

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### Missions—State, Home and Foreign.

By J. O. BUCKLEY.

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#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Bible teaches us that God came down from His Kingdom above and walked in Eden, seeking his children. Jesus Christ said—Luke 5-32, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Luke 19-10: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

When Jesus had finished his mission he gave the Apostles the great commission, Matt., 28-19-20: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," with the promise that He would be with them. The Apostles took up the work after Pentacost, and preached Jesus as the Savior of the world.

On the foreign field we have 556 workers, 222 missionaries, 334 helpers.

There are 229 churches, with 467 out-stations. Baptized during year, 2174, total membership, 14179.

Contributions on the foreign fields were \$34,825.13 against \$29,261 the year before.

There are eight Theological schools with about 150 students.

The entire amount raised by Southern Baptists, \$402,328.16, of this amount Mississippi gave \$28,920.54. Mississippi is asking for \$35,000 this year. Nine churches out of twenty did not contribute to Foreign Missions last year.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

This includes all the home land, Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama. The Lord has greatly blessed the labors of His people during the past year, through the Home Board.

Last year there were 961 Missionaries receiving full or partial support from the Board, 22404 baptisms reported, 337 churches and stations.

Contributions to Home Missions last year, \$265,335.59, of this amount Mississippi gave \$19,132.92.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

The necessity of the work of State Missions in the bounds of our State will be needed for many years.

The rapid development of our State will continue to make it more necessary to push the work of State Missions.

Our State is being cut up with various lines of new railroads; towns are springing up here and there, and people are coming from various places to live with us: we must meet them with the Gospel of Christ and build churches along these lines of railroad, or have our people contaminated with the new comers and their new ideas of religion, whatever they may be. State Mission work is the foundation of all Mission work, he who gives to State Missions gives to Home and Foreign Missions.

Churches now helped full time, nine; three-fourths time, two; one-half time, eighteen; one-fourth time, seventy-nine; number of churches now helped, one hundred and eight.

State Missionaries have baptized during the year, 13,495 persons, and have helped in meetings where 21,030 others have been baptized. Will not every baptist help in the State Mission work? We ought to have \$50,000 a year for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUCKLEY.

The report on Items of Special Interest, was adopted as follows:

### Report on Items of Interest.

By COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Items of Special Interest, would beg to report the following:

|                            |           |            |
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| Total membership this year | - - - - - | 3390       |
| Baptisms                   | - - - - - | 359        |
| Missions                   | - - - - - | \$2,218.62 |
| Orphanage                  | - - - - - | 239.40     |
| Ministerial Education      | - - - - - | 10.75      |

Eighteen churches report twenty-two Sunday Schools, with an attendance of 1339. Seven churches do not report Sunday Schools. Seven churches report W. M. U. Societies. Contributions by these societies: \$458.71.

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| Loss this year by death   | - - - - - | 40 |
| Nothing for sustentation. |           |    |

T. J. Batton,  
D. M. Lee,  
J. M. Sammon,  
Committee.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Eld. L. D. Posey, who made an earnest appeal to the Association on the importance of Ministerial Education, and that the denomination should be more liberal in gifts for this purpose. Eld. J. H. Eager followed in an able appeal for this Association to assist liberally in helping raise the amount of \$40,000.00, that has been apportioned to the State of Mississippi by the Convention, and earnestly pleaded for his native State, Mississippi, to be the first one to come up with her apportionment. The report was adopted as follows:

## Report on Ministerial Education.

By REV. L. D. POSEY.

It is understood that no amount of education can make a preacher in the true sense of the word, of a man who has not been called of God into the work of the ministry. This being true this report pertains to the called and not to the professional.

Education is the development of the faculties God has given, and the training of the powers thus acquired for the greatest possible usefulness. For this reason ministers should be educated. God has endowed them with intellects, and called them into His special work, and it is their duty to educate and train themselves for their great work.

The Bible being the fundamental text book, it is essential that preachers learn it as well as possible; but since a good literary education helps very materially in getting a correct knowledge of the Bible, we would recommend where possible, a college and seminary course of instruction for our preachers. This will not only help them in their Bible study, but will equip them for the various duties which they must perform in connection with their ministerial work, and qualify them to successfully contend against the powers of infidelity which are usually couched in the minds of the learned who are unsaved.

We would recommend that an effort be made to get all the churches to contribute to this great cause, and that a special effort be made to assist the young ministers within our bounds in securing a college, and if possible, a seminary education.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. POSEY.

On motion, the report on Layman's Movement was set for 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The report on Nominations read and adopted as follows: We recommend Monticello Baptist Church as the place for next meeting of the Association, and Friday before the First Sunday in



October 1909, the time of meeting. The following brethren are requested to write reports on the subjects annexed to their names, to be read at our next meeting, viz:

|                  |   |   |   |   |                                 |
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| J. P. Williams,  | - | - | - | - | Missions.                       |
| Leon Tyrone,     | - | - | - | - | Denominational Schools.         |
| D. M. Lee,       | - | - | - | - | Relation of Pastor and Church.  |
| L. D. Posey,     | - | - | - | - | Publications.                   |
| T. J. Batton,    | - | - | - | - | Orphanage.                      |
| H. C. Roberts,   | - | - | - | - | Ministerial Education.          |
| C. R. Dale,      | - | - | - | - | Sunday Schools.                 |
| H. W. Longino,   | - | - | - | - | Church Discipline.              |
| Chas. Little,    | - | - | - | - | Sustentation.                   |
| Rowan Stringer,  | - | - | - | - | Temperance.                     |
| J. Fleet Burrow, | - | - | - | - | Woman's Work.                   |
| Wallace Dale,    | - | - | - | - | Layman's Missionary Movement.   |
| J. B. Quin,      | - | - | - | - | To preach Associational Sermon. |
| L. D. Posey,     | - | - | - | - | Alternate.                      |

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Committee.

The report on Church Discipline was read and discussed by Eld. J. P. Williams and adopted as follows:

### Church Discipline.

REV. J. P. WILLIAMS.

There are signs of drifting from the Scriptural basis of Church Discipline, in our midst. About the only thing for which members are usually arraigned is an aggravated case of drunkenness, and even that is not always noticed. And any effort to enforce Scriptural Discipline in our Associational meetings is likely to be met by some brother who tells how ugly the spirit of those who encourage it appears. This criticism relieves the sense of neglected duty. We are ready to rush to the rescue of the unfortunate victim of harsh treatment. So the matter is dropped and we return to our homes to continue our neglect of God's plain commandments. But God's requirements are still in force, to preserve fellowship or withdraw

from the disturbing member, and to withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly. Discipline should be given in the exercise of a greater brotherly care when we see a brother turning his steps in the wrong way. If we should faithfully warn and exhort the wayward we would find it easy to enforce corrective discipline when nothing else would avail.

Your committee would recommend that we urge faithfulness in the administration of Church Discipline, because the Scriptures require it and because the upholding of a right standard of church membership demands it, and because kindness to the ungodly member makes it imperative that we aid him to an understanding that he is not meeting the requirements of a disciple of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. WILLIAMS.

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The report on Sustentation was read and spoken to by Brethren E. B. White and D. M. Lee, and Eld. J. M. Sammon.

Pending the adoption of the report, a collection was taken for the widow of Eld. Elisha Douglass, amounting to \$10.45.

The report was adopted as follows:

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### Sustentation.

E. B. WHITE.

Your Committee now begs leave to submit the following on Sustentation:

We believe it is the duty of every member of the church to give something to Sustentation each year. The old wornout ministers and their families, and not only them but the old deacons and lay-members often times have to suffer for the absolute need of enough food to preserve life, and often-times many of these old brethren have to resort to the poor-house, when we all know that this is not right, and just a small contribution would save the shame from being on the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. WHITE.

The report on apportionment was read and adopted as follows:

### Apportionment.

Shiloh church, \$50.00; Rehoboth, \$15.00; Whitesand, \$125.00; Hebron, \$200.00; Hathorn, \$50.00; Ebenezer, \$50.00; Sontag, \$25.00; Calvary, \$250.00; Bethel, \$30.00; Oakvale, \$25.00; Antioch, \$70.00; Bethany, \$100.00; Smith's Ferry, \$10.00; Newhebron, \$150.00; New Zion, \$35.00; Arm, \$35.00; Crooked Creek, \$75.00; Hepsibah, \$60.00; Monticello, \$150.00; New Hope, \$25.00; Prentiss, \$300.00; Providence, \$50.00; Silver Creek, \$60.00, Society Hill, \$75.00. Total, \$2015.00.

Adjourned till 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. R. J. Boone.

The Association met promptly at the appointed hour, 7:30 P. M., and the choir sang: "Speak Just a Word for Jesus," and "When the Battle is Over." Prayer by Eld. W. D. Darling.

The hour having arrived for the report on the Layman's Missionary Movement, it being written and read by Prof Fleet Burrow, who was made proxy by and for the original appointed on the subject. It was discussed by Rev. T. J. Batton and Brethren J. F. Burrow, A. H. Dale and C. R. Dale, and on motion, adopted as follows:

### The Layman's Missionary Movement.

J. F. BURROW,

This Movement was launched because of the inadequacy of the present plans. I make this statement with a full recognition of the work and efficiency of our various Boards, but the fact remains that we need to supplement our present methods with something else in order that we may more speedily evangelize the world. This is the primary purpose of the Movement.

We find in this new Movement something radically different from the plans and methods heretofore existing, of touching the

multitudes of men in our churches with the Missionary message, and in this new Movement we find a way of bringing some organized pressure to bear upon the indifferent laymen to arouse them to action.

We should recognize as never before, the world wide opportunity that presents itself to the church today. The doors of every nation and people stand open to the commercial traveler. Shall they be closed to Christ and his followers? The churches of Jesus Christ should be brought to the point where they will agonize for the lost nations of the earth. This world wide opportunity and the responsibility should be presented to the churches today, that no more time be lost. Our business men must have that broader vision that takes in the whole world. This Layman's movement recognizes that the churches have been in the "retail business" long enough.

Our own spiritual safety requires a more vigorous missionary campaign. It must be displeasing to the Master, who has done so much for us, to see us so selfish and unwilling to give as freely as we have received.

What we need to prosecute this Layman's work more vigorously and successfully, is some strong, able and consecrated laymen—men who have caught a world wide vision of the perishing nations. These are the men who will devote a portion of their time and attention as well as a portion of their means to the successful prosecution of this work.

Your committee would urge a more thorough and systematic plan of this work by this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BURROW.

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On motion, Bro. C. R. Dale was appointed to labor in the Lawrence County Association, in the interest of the Layman's Missionary Movement.

The committee on Religious Exercises, made the following final report for Sunday:

Sunday School Mass Meeting from 10-11 o'clock, by Bro. Leon Tyrone. That Rev. S. B. Culpepper preach at 11 o'clock in the Baptist Church, and Rev. H. C. Roberts preach in the Presbyterian Church at same hour.

#### EVENING SERVICES.

Preaching at the Baptist Church at 2 o'clock, by Rev. L. D. Posey, and same hour at Presbyterian Church by Rev. O. N. Harrington.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. QUIN.

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The report on Woman's Work was read by Rev. J. B. Quin, and discussed by him, Eld. T. J. Batton and others and adopted as follows:

#### Report on Woman's Works.

By Rev. J. B. QUIN.

This report has reference only to what is undertaken by the Woman's Missionary Societies organized in the churches to assist in the Missionary and educational work represented in the Association and Convention. They are called "auxiliary" for they are carrying out their original commission, to be a help-meet for their husbands and brethren. This they do in every church where they are organized, by keeping information before them and their sisters, constantly renewing the fires at our altars of sacrifice, provoking one another and us to good works.

This information and zeal for good works take shape in practical Missionary endeavor, both at home and abroad. They have special weeks of prayer and self-denial, and at Christmas they take a special offering for China, and during the year special offerings are made for Foreign, Home and State Missions, and also boxes are sent to Frontier Missionaries, and to the Orphans' Home. They are fostering a training school at Louisville, Ky., for Lady



Missionaries, to fit them for Foreign Mission Work. They support and manage a home for the education of the children of Missionaries, who may be sent back here for that purpose.

They have many other causes which they are fostering, that we have not time to mention.

The total contribution of Societies of the Southern Baptist Convention, for the last nineteen years, reaches the amazing sum of more than one million and a quarter dollars.

The reported contributions in the State last year were: \$21,745.55 which is an increase over last year of \$2,565.65. The Young Woman's Auxillary contributed during the year 940.25.

We recommend that the pastors of this Association urge their ladies to organize societies, which we believe will be beneficial not only to the churches, but to the cause at large.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. QUIN, Chairman,  
ROWAN STRINGER,  
G. W. JONSTON.

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The Temperance Report was read by Rev. R. J. Boone, and discussed by him, I. N. Bush, W. C. Maxwell, and Rev. L. D. Posey, and on motion, adopted as follows:

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### Temperance.

Temperance is construed to mean moderation in things which are lawful, and total abstinence from everything unlawful. We will fail to maintain the dignity of Christianity if we dilute, diminish, or evade any of its meanings. The best schools, colleges, and seminaries, and all the aggressive bodies against evils, have gone on record against the evils of our day, therefore let us as the representatives of the cause of Christ, be known as favoring the abandoning of everything that is pernicious and hurtful.

Our whole country is to be congratulated in the running of the infernal and iniquitous liquor traffic from so many places in our land. The sale of intoxicants and the uses of the same, as a beverage, has lost respectability—that is to say, if there was ever anything respectable in selling and drinking the stuff. Sellers and drinkers of liquors as a beverage, are on the main, confined to the lowest classes of humanity, and their rendezvous are in the dives, dens and caves of the earth. Since old John Barleycorn's run has been increased, all his allies have set up a cry and are suing for favors at the hands of the people of our God. Brethren cries and tears usually invoke sympathy and pity; but I beseech you, show no mercy to the most merciless foe to God and man in all the world. Renew and redouble all your energies, increase all your forces and push forward the prohibition cause until full and complete success is obtained. Let us exercise a watchful care over each other; keep up wholesome discipline in the churches; contend for state-wide, and national statutory and constitutional prohibition, only voting for men for all offices that are known to be uncompromisingly for prohibition; work, watch and pray, and our God will give us complete victory.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. BOONE, Committee.

### Report of Finance Committee.

Antioch, Ast. P. 2.00 Foreign Missions, \$13.21; Home Missions, \$13.22; State Missions, \$13.22; Crooked Creek, Ast. P. \$1.50. Shiloh, Ast. P. \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$10.15; Prentiss, Ast. P. \$5.00; Silver Creek, Ast. P. \$3.75; Foreign Missions, \$10.70. Hathorn, Ast. P. \$4.15. Hepsibah, Ast. P. \$1.90, State Missions, \$3.10. Arm, Ast. P. \$2.50, State Missions, \$20.50. Rehoboth, Ast. P. \$2.00, Foreign Missions, \$1.71, Home Missions, \$1.72, State Missions, \$1.72. New Zion, Ast. P. \$3.75, Foreign Missions, \$6.15, Home Missions, \$6.15; Monticello, Ast. P. \$4.50. Calvary, Ast. P. \$5.00, Foreign Missions, \$32.25, Home Missions, \$32.25, State Missions, \$98.15; Bethel, Ast. P. \$2.00. Newhebron, Ast. P. \$5.00.

Hebron, Ast. P. \$3.75. Providence, Ast. P. \$2.50, Foreign Missions, \$2.25. Society Hill, Ast. P. \$2.10, Foreign Missions, \$3.75, Home Missions, \$3.75, State Missions, \$3.74. Smith's Ferry, Ast. P. \$1.45, State Missions, \$3.55. Ebenezer, Ast. P. \$2.00, State Missions, \$3.75. Whitesand, Ast. P. \$2.10, Foreign Missions, \$21.00, Home Missions, \$21.00, St M \$21.00. Sontag, Ast. P. \$2.00. General Missions, \$8.50. Bethany, Ast. P. \$5.00, Foreign Missions, \$28.42, Home Missions, 24.92, State Missions, 24.91. Oakvale, Ast. P. \$3.00.

Sustentation, 10.45; Orphanage, 53.20; Associational Purposes, 68.95; Foreign Mission, 129.59; Home Mission, 102.99; State Mission, 193.64; General Missions, 8.50. Total, 567.40.

We have examined Treasurer's Report and find same correct.

VOLNEY MOORE,  
N. S. BUCKLEY,  
LEON TYRONE,

Committee.

### Treasurer's Report.

L. D. Posey in account with the Lawrence County Association.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

| 1907      | Dr.   |                |
|-----------|---|----------------|
| Sept. 20, | Balance on hand from 1906, .....  | \$ 8.78        |
| " "       | Received from Finance Committee, .....  | 70.35          |
| Oct. "    | Rehoboth Church, .....  | 1.50           |
|           | Total   | <u>\$80.63</u> |
| 1907      | Cr.   |                |
| Nov. 8,   | Rev. R. J. Boone, part payment for printing Associational Minutes, .....            | \$30.00        |
| Nov. 11,  | Rev. R. J. Boone, balance on printing and distributing Associational Minutes, ..... | 14.00          |
| Nov. 14,  | Wade Polk, Associational Clerk, .....   | 20.00          |
|           | Total   | <u>\$64.10</u> |
|           | Balance on hand for Associational Purposes .....                                    | 16.53          |

## LAWRENCE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

## ORPHANAGE.

|           |  |                |
|-----------|--|----------------|
| 1907      | Dr.                                    |                |
| Sept. 20, | Received from Finance Committee, ..... | \$ 4.10        |
| " 22,     | Collection for Orphanage, .....        | 46.04          |
|           | Total                                  | <u>\$50.14</u> |

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| 1907      | Cr.                                    |         |
| Sept. 24, | Rev. J. R. Carter for Orphanage, ..... | \$50.14 |
|           | Southern Baptist Convention Messenger  |         |

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1907      | Dr.                               |         |
| Sept. 20, | On hand from 1906, .....          | \$48.00 |
| 1908      | Cr.                               |         |
| May 1,    | Paid A. H. Dale, Messenger, ..... | \$30.00 |
|           | Balance now on hand, .....        | \$18.00 |

## MISSIONS.

|           |  |                 |
|-----------|--|-----------------|
| 1907      | Dr.  |                 |
| Sept. 20, | Received from Finance Committee, for Foreign Missions, ..... | \$182.75        |
| " "       | " " " " " " Home " .....                                     | 116.00          |
| " "       | " " " " " " State " .....                                    | 47.60           |
| Sept. 21, | " " " " " " Sustentation, .....                              | 9.50            |
|           | Unaccounted for by Finance Committee, .....                  | 2.60            |
|           | Total  | <u>\$358.45</u> |

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|-----------|--|-----------------|
| 1907      | Cr.  |                 |
| Sept. 24, | Paid A. V. Rowe, for State Missions, ..... | \$ 47.60        |
| " "       | " " " " Home " .....                       | 116.00          |
| " "       | " " " " Foreign " .....                    | 182.75          |
| " "       | " " " " Sustentation, .....                | 9.50            |
|           | Total                                      | <u>\$355.85</u> |
|           | Balance unaccounted for, .....             | 2.60            |

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. POSEY.

On motion, the two dollars and sixty cents now in the hands of the Treasurer, and unaccounted for, was transferred to the contribution collected for old Sister Elisha Douglass.

Resolved: This Association take up the matter of assisting our young preachers, A. G. Sammons and Ernest Williamson in obtaining a literary training, and that the subject be immediately taken up by each church pledging something substantially. The resolution was adopted and the following churches whose messengers were present subscribed the amount opposite the name as follows:

Whitesand, \$15.00; Society Hill, \$10.00; Silver Creek, \$2.50; Prentiss, \$25.00; Antioch, \$5.00; Bethel, \$2.50; Crooked Creek, \$2.50; Calvary, \$10.00; Hepsibah, \$10.00; Monticello, \$10.00; Providence, \$5.00; Shiloh, \$2.00; Sontag, \$3.00; Smith's Ferry, \$2.00; Ebenezer, \$5.00.

This amount would have been much larger had the resolution been introduced earlier in the session. (CLERK.)

On motion, Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association is hereby authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the members of Prentiss Church and the friends of the town and community at large, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session

On motion, adjourned to meet with Monticello Baptist Church, on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1909, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Eld. H. C. Roberts.

R. DRUMMOND, Moderator,  
WADE POLK, CLERK,

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SUNDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, Oct. 4, 1908.

Persuant to arrangements already made, the Sunday School Mass Meeting was conducted by Bro. Leon Tyrone.

The house is filled until standing room is all taken and ushers requested to admit no more people. Perfect quiet reigns, and the conductor proceeds to business, while all seem to drink in the spirit of the occasion.

Many short, crisp, talks are made by the laity, and some preachers, that are inspiring and elevating.



Conductor Tyrone called for short, verbal reports from Sunday School workers, as to the accessions to the churches where Sunday Schools are taught, and after the reports were made, it was found that ninety per cent of the additions came from the Sunday Schools. Hence the great importance of Sunday Schools.

Bro. Tyrone stated to the congregation that his (Prentiss Baptist) Sunday School, had set apart the First Sunday in each month to make collections for the Orphanage, and a collection was taken, amounting to \$4.90, which will be sent to Bro. Carter by the Sunday School.

Bro. C. R. Dale made an appeal to the congregation to assist the brethren at Smith's Ferry, to build a house of worship, and the people responded by giving \$30.00.

The hour having arrived for preaching services, the appointees to preach in the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, had full houses and enough on the ground to fill another house, and Eld. J. O. Buckley was requested to go to the High School building and preach to the people.

The afternoon preaching services were carried out as arranged by committee on yesterday, no one preaching in school building.

It was estimated that 1500 people were on the ground and all seemed to enjoy the occasion, for good behavior was observed everywhere.

This closed the best meeting this Association has ever held. May God bless the work done to His glory and our good.

**Minutes**  
**Lawrence County Baptist Association**

**NINTH SESSION.**

1909

*T. J. Bailey.*  
*Jackson.*  
*Miss.*



**Minutes**  
**OF THE**  
**Ninth Annual Session of the**  
**Lawrence County**  
**Baptist Association**

**Held with the**  
**Monticello Baptist Church**  
**LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISS.**

**Beginning Oct. 1, 1909.**

**Officers:**

REV. L. D. POSEY, MODERATOR

WADE POLK, CLERK

J. M. ARMSTRONG, TREASURER

Silver Creek, Miss

Oakvale, Miss., R. 1

Silver Creek, Miss

**The Silver Creek Star Press**





# Monticello, Lawrence County, Miss.

OCTOBER 1, 1909.

The Lawrence County Baptist Association met this day at the appointed hour, with the Monticello Baptist church, Lawrence County, Miss., in its Ninth Annual Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. P. Williams, Rev. R. Drummend leading the opening prayer. The 133rd Psalm was read for morning lesson, and Rev. T. J. Batton leading in prayer for a harmonious session, and for greater prosperity of the Kingdom in the bounds of the Association. Many present quoted helpful passages of scripture, when Rev. W. R. Webber and Bro. I. N. Bush lead prayers.

By suggestion of Rev. J. P. Williams, the Moderator called the names of the churches in alphabetical order, and the Clerk enrolled the names of delegates as follows:

Antioch, R C Myers, Robt Cresco, B B Boyt and W L McGuffe. Arm, R T Ried and S C Buckley. Bismark, C E Dunaway and W C Price. Bethel, A H McGuffee, Josiah Miller and J W Maxwell. Bethany, J. C. Burkett, S C Stamps, Jno Tyrone, E B Parkman and J M Mikell. Crooked Creek, W J Hedgepeth, R P Hamilton and W C Dale. Calvary, H. C. Roberts, J P Williams, W M Waller, A T Longino, J M Armstrong and Rowan Stringer. Ebenezer, R S Miller, J F Armstrong and Larkin Thompson. Hebron, I N Bush, A H Dale, G U Berry, H V Iazard, R D Longino and R Drummond. Hepsibah, J L Speights, J W Daniel, J H Fortenberry, C H Watts and J M Speights. Hathorn, J B Dale and J A Davis. Monticello, D M Lee, W C Maxwell and I N Bass. New Zion, Jno R Cox and R H Townsen. New Hope, J M Ritchie and T V Neal. Newhebron, R S Dale, J R Lane, H C Lane, B M Russell and L D Smith. Oakvale, S W More, D N Langston and Wade Polk. Prentiss, J B Quinn R R Berry, Leon Tyrone and C R Dale. Providence, J O Magee and W W Brewer. Rehoboth, D H Bird and G L Crosby. Smith's Ferry, J C McCullough and Willie Wilson. Sontag, W R Gibson. Society Hill, L D Posey, J M Fortenberry, Reese Fortenberry and G M Buckley. Silver Creek, D G Langston, Theo Weathersby and W S Forthing. Shiloh, E B White, J B Terry, Jas Williams, W M McLelland and Rev J M Sammons. White Sand, Liston Lee, Needham Lee, R B Dale and W W Dale.

On motion a finance committee was appointed consisting of A. T. Longino, J. C. Burkett and D. H. Bird.

Motion prevailed to suspend the regular order of business, and elect officers of Association by acclamation.

Rev. R. Drummond requested the Association not put him in nomination for re-election, but to elect some one else. Rev. J. P. Williams put in nomination Rev. L. D. Posey, the present treasurer, and the following officers were elected: L. D. Posey, Moderator, Wade Polk, Clerk, and J. M. Armstrong, Treasurer.

Received correspondence as follows:

Lincoln County Association, Revs. R H Purser, W R Webber, and Brethren Z P Jones, H H Summers, T C Mullins, and L H Russell. Pearl Leaf, W J Burkett. Copiah, Revs T B Sandefer, W E Weeks and Bro. J M Douglass. State Line, La., Rev J N Fortenberry. Bay Springs, Rev. S B Culpepper. Baptist Record, Rev T J Bailey. H. M. Board, Rev J P Williams. F. M. Board, Rev J B Quinn. State M. B., Rev A V Rowe. Orphanage, Rev J R Carter and Mrs Carter. Mississippi College, Rev T B Sandefer. Pear River, Joseph Dale.

On motion, the corresponding letter and messenger, J. J. Rogers, from the Lawrence and Jefferson Davis County (colored) Association, was received; and the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, extended the hand of welcome.

On motion, Rev. L. D. Posey was appointed our messenger to meet with said Association, Rev. J. P. Williams agreeing to attend also.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

To Strong River, J B Quinn and T J Batton, R Drummond and A T Longino. Pearl River, Rev T J Batton and brethren J M Fortenberry W C Maxwell, E C Bennett and Wade Polk. Lincoln County, D M Lee, C R Dale, A H McGuffee, W C Maxwell, E B White, Wade Polk and Revs J B Quinn and J M Sammons. Pearl Leaf, Revs J B Quinn and L D Posey. Copiah, Rev J M Sammons and Bros E B White and Jno R Cox. Bogue Chitto, Rev J B Quinn. Mississippi, R J Boone. Baptist State Convention, Revs L D Posey, J P Williams, J B Quinn, J M Sammons, R Drummond, H C Roberts, T J Batton, and Bros D M Lee, E B White, J M Armstrong and A H Dale.

On motion of Bro. A. H. Dale, the election of our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention was left to Committee on Nominations. Rev. T. J. Batton was elected, and Rev. L. D. Posey, Alternate.

To make any member of any church composing this Association our messenger to any of the bodies with whom we hold fraternal

relationship, on motion of Rev. J. P. Williams, Resolved, that concerning the return of correspondence to other bodies with whom we hold fraternal relationship, we hereby empower any member of any church composing this Association, who is in good standing, and who can and will attend upon the sessions of these, taking this resolution as a letter of recommendation, shall be our messenger.

On motion the report on Missions was set for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow.

On motion, the report on Denominational Schools was set for 3 o'clock today.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Nominations, as follows, viz:- W. C. Maxwell, J. B. Dale, Leon Tyrone, J. C. Burkett and I. N. Bush.

Adjourned for one and one-half hours. Prayer by Rev. A. V. Rowe.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service, Rev. T. J. Bailey lead in prayer, and the Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

On Motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees, viz:-

On Items of Special Interest: Rev Rowan Stringer, brothers W W Dale and Leon Tyrone. On Apportionment: Antioch, R E Crisco. Arm, S C Buckley. Bethel, A H McGuffee. Bismark, C E Dunaway. Bethany, S C Stamps. Crooked Creek, S C Dale. Calvary, W M Waller. Ebenezer, Larkin Thompson. Hebron, A H Dale, Hepsabah, J L Speights. Hathorn, J B Dale. New Hope, J M Ritchie. Newhebron, R S Dale. New Zion, R H Townsen. Monticello, D M Lee. Oakvale, S W More. Prentiss, C R Dale. Providence, J O Magee. Rehoboth, D H Bird. Smith's Ferry, J C McCullough. Society Hill, J M Fortenberry. Silver Creek, Theo Weathersby. Shiloh, E B White. Sontag, W R Gibson. White Sand, R B Dale. On Nominations, W C Maxwell, J B Dale, Leon Tyrone, J C Burkett and I N Bush. On Devotional Exercises: H C Roberts, Pastor, and deacons D M Lee, and W C Maxwell, of Monticello Church.

On motion, this Association accept the apportionment made by our State Secretary, A. V. Rowe, and that the Committee on Apportionment have this in view when making the apportionment to the different Churches.

Report on Publications was discussed by Revs. L. D. Posey, J. R. Carter, A. V. Rowe, T. J. Bailey and J. P. Williams, and on motion, adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

In the main, as we read so we think, and as we think so we are; therefore, our reading very largely has to do with the making of our characters. This being true, it is very necessary that we be careful in the selection of our reading matter. It would be just as reasonable for a man to select improper, or unwholesome food for the body, as to select improper, or unwholesome reading matter for the mind to use as food for it. The mind that feasts on pure clean helpful reading matter, will develop into strength of will and permanency of character. Dime novels and other trashy literature are in a large measure responsible for the great amount of crimes of various sorts of the present day. The only way to counteract this is to fill their place with that which is good, and insist upon its use till the habit of reading the right kind of matter is formed. To do this, it is necessary for our people to supply their homes with the best books, magazines and weeklies in their reach.

Of course the Bible is the Book of all books, and we would lay special stress on the importance of reading it. One reason why we have such loose and vague ideas of church work and christian duty, is because the Bible is not studied; and one reason why many people are lost and don't know it, is because they have not read the Bible.

To keep in touch with our denominational work, and be informed as to the progress, or the lack of progress, as the case may be, that is being made, or not made, it is absolutely necessary to read our denominational papers. We would therefore urge that all our people pay for and read The Baptist Record, The Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, and the Orphanage Gem. These papers are moderate in price compared with the matter contained, sound in doctrine, and clean in character. We commend them most heartily to the members of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. POSEY.

The special hour having arrived for the Report on Denominational Schools, it was discussed by Bro. C. R. Dale and Revs. J. P. Williams, J. R. Carter and S. B. Culpepper, and on motion, was adopted as follows:

### DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

It may be new to some of us to learn that this is the first time this subject has ever been assigned in this association, caused by



having a new care since last we met. This association is, or should be, intensely interested in Mississippi College, The Southern Theological Seminary and Clark's Memorial College.

Until recently, we had but little interest in any denominational school but Mississippi College, and not enough in that; but the recent addition of \$40000.00 to the endowment of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky., by the Baptists of Mississippi, gives us added interest in this magnificent institution while Clarks Memorial College has been committed to the care of Mississippi Baptists since last we met.

We do not believe that education is a panacea for all the ills either of church or state, but we do believe that Christian Education will go a long way toward the solution of many of the ills of life, for a Christian Education not only develops the mind but the heart, which combined, is the foundation and the development of character.

When we see graft and corruption walking like a giant over our land in the very midst of universal education, we are forced to exclaim with President Elliot, of Harvard, that the present school system, as administered, would be very disappointing to its founders, all because emphasis is not placed on the right point.

It is the duty of every Baptist of this association to help to build up such a public sentiment that it will demand for every school of this association a teacher of the highest moral worth, who would scorn to enter the sacred duties of the profession through the doors of a dishonest examination. To eradicate graft and corruption in the next generation, we must build up public sentiment, and no place on earth is this as easily done as through our denominational schools.

Public sentiment is a very great factor with individuals, communities, states and nations. It forced the monarchs of Europe to hands off in our struggle with Spain for the freedom of Cuba; and forced Russia and Japan to make peace, and made Japan modify her haughty demands.

I congratulate the Baptists of the nation, the state; yea, this association upon the interest they have taken in the creation of this public sentiment. We point with pride to the fact, with few exceptions, wherever you find a man who has been in touch with Mississippi College, you find a citizen on the right side in the battle between good and evil.

We can never know what Mississippi would have been without the influence of the men who have been sent forth from her portals. This we do know. that the men who have gone out from this grand

old institution for the past 40 years, have been found in the Governor's chair, on the Supreme Bench,, at the head of our great educational institution, as judges, in the Legislative halls, both of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, as attorneys of note, at the head of Theological Seminaries, pastorates, pulpits, homes, and from individual lives, for the past score of years, that has made Mississippi the most conservative, the most temperate and the most religious in all this Union; so, we are forced to believe that an institution that is being used by God, as Mississippi College is being used, merits the perpetual support of our entire denomination.

It is with religious pride that we point to Mississippi's part in the endowment of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., but it is not past favors bestowed that should interest us most, but, what can we do in the future; therefore, we commend to this association, and to the brethren, this institution for the good it has done, for the influence it is wielding, for the power it will have; for, in the words of another, I believe it is sounder in doctrine, stronger in scholarship, more devotional and more missionary in spirit than any other Seminary in the world.

While Clarks Memorial College, located at Newton, Miss., is directly under the care of the General Association of Mississippi, we as Baptists should feel a just pride and interest in this young, but magnificent institution just beginning upon its second year's work.

LEON TYRONE,

Committeeman.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7:30 tonight. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Carter.

### NIGHT SESSION.—7:30 O'clock.

After song service, Rev. S. B. Culpepper read the 111th division of Psalms, and lead in prayer. The preaching of Associational Sermon was set for 7:30 p. m., and Rev. J. B. Quinn preached the sermon, using for a text, Prov. 11:30, and Daniel 12:3, his theme being, "Soul winning."

Rev. J. R. Carter having to leave on early train tomorrow, the report on Orphanage was called for, but the writer nor report not being present, Bro. Carter was requested to speak on the subject in the absence of the report, which he did, and answered several questions asked concerning the institution, which was information that many present needed.



A cash collection was then taken for the institution amounting to \$28.54.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Sammons.

## SECOND DAY.—9 O'clock, A. M., Oct. 2, '09.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. J. Boon, reading a part of 18 chapter of Luke, and a delightful prayer service followed, prayers being lead by Revs. J. M. Sammons, T. J. Bailey and R. E. Weeks.

Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The report on Orphanage was called for and discussed by Rev. T. J. Batton and others, and pending its adoption another collection was taken for the institution amounting to \$4.00. The report was adopted as follows:

### *REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.*

The Baptist Orphanage located at Jackson, Miss., is owned and controlled by the Baptist denomination of Mississippi, and is maintained by purely voluntary contributions from its constituency, the Baptists of the state.

The institution has been in successful operation for more than 12 years, during which time it has passed through a great many trials and struggles incident to institutions of its kind, but its friends have always rallied to its support, until it has grown to its present proportions. So successful has been the management of the home that property, in land, buildings, tools and stock, has been accumulated to the value of more than \$100,000.00.

Since the Home was founded nearly or about 400 children have been taken care of, or helped in some way. It has sufficient capacity to accommodate 200 children by crowding. There are 181 in the home now, with a great many outstanding applications for places.

It is the purpose of the management to train these children in a practical way to be useful citizens, and independent self supporters. To do this, in addition to regular ordinary school opportunities, the boys are required under the direction of an experienced farmer, to work on the farm, making and gathering crops of corn, cotton, sugar cane, peas, potatoes, sorghum, and almost all kinds of vegetables. The girls are also taught to do house and kitchen work.

While these children are being taught systematicall to do all sorts of manual labor, their souls are not being neglected, for they

are required to attend preaching, prayer meeting, Sunday school, etc.

Those who have the home in charge are faithful to their trust, for they are doing all in their power to "train the children for usefulness; and are so directing their labor, that the children themselves are contributing largely to their own support."

Brother Carter, the Superintendent, says, "The demands upon our home are daily increasing, and if we meet them, we shall have to build at once, as the room that we now have is nearly all taken." During the past summer the dining room and chapel were enlarged but the home stands sadly in need of more bed room, and more school room in order to meet the growing demand being made on the institution, for the destitute fatherless must be cared for.

In order that the needs of the home may be met, your committee would recommend, 1st, That each Sunday school in the Association take up one collection each month for the orphans. 2nd, That each church make a generous thanksgiving offering for the same cause. 3rd, That our ladies send up boxes of clothing, groceries and such things as can be used and are needed at the Orphanage.

"Let each of us remember that when we are helping the poor and needy, we are doing God's work, and delighting His great loving heart.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. J. BATTON.

Bro. C. R. Dale read the report on apportionment, and it was discussed by him and others too numerous to mention here, but from the enthusiasm shown by the speakers, none of our churches will fail to raise the amount apportioned them another year. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

#### *REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.*

We, your Committee on Apportionment, would submit the following: That we earnestly request the churches composing this association to try to raise during this associational year, the sum of \$2650 for missions, the same to be divided equally between the three Boards of State, Home and Foreign missions, and that said amounts be apportioned among the churches as follows, to wit.

Antioch, \$100; Arm, \$50; Bethel, \$50; Bethany, \$100; Crooked Creek, \$75; Calvary, \$350; Ebenezer, \$65; Hebron, \$300; Hep-sobah, \$75; Hathorn, \$60; Monticello, \$200; New Zion, \$50; New Hope, \$40; Newhebron, \$200; Oakvale, \$35; Prentiss, \$400; Prov-

idence, \$65; Rehoboth, \$25; Smith's Ferry, \$20; Sontag, \$30; Society Hill, \$105; Silver Creek, \$60; White Sand, \$135; Shiloh, 60.00. Total, \$2650.00.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DALE.

The special hour for the report on Missions having arrived, the congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation." The report was discussed by Revs. J. B. Quinn, H. C. Roberts, A. V. Rowe and Bro. S. W. More; and on motion, adopted as follows:

#### *REPORT ON MISSIONS,*

Our mission work is divided into three departments, namely, State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions. State mission work is in our own state, and is done principally along new lines of railroads, the Coast and the Delta. The plan of the work is to secure the preaching of the Gospel to destitute places and aid weak churches to become self supporting.

To show what this work is accomplishing, 122 churches are now receiving help, and 438 that were once helped are now self supporting. And to show the wisdom of this work, these churches are giving back to missions annually \$30,000.00, and that too in the face of the fact that we give less than \$25,000 to State missions annually. Hence the wisdom and righteousness of this work.

Home Mission territory is the same as that of the Southern Baptist Convention, especially the frontier, mountain districts, and large cities, also Cuba, Panama and the Isle of Pines. As a mere suggestion of what is being done, the following figures are given: Number of workers, 1097; baptisms, 24,668; received by letter, 22,699; the total money receipts for this work for the last Convention year was \$302,864.74. We call attention to the fact that for every \$12 given to this cause one baptism is reported. This is the work in which we are grappling with the question of christianizing our own people. We are told that little more than 20,000,000 of our 90,000,000 of population are members of evangelical churches. This shows a grave situation and becomes a tremendous appeal for heroic effort along this line. Someone has said, as goes America so goes the world.

Foreign Mission work with which we are identified is carried on in Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Mexico, Africa, China and Japan. From these fields were reported 2905 baptisms, and a present membership of 16596. There are 8 Theological training schools with 176 pupils, 2 hospitals 11 dispensaries 13 medical missionaries. To this Foreign Mission work was given last year \$460,000, and there were

employed 231 missionaries and 330 native helpers. By pondering these statements we can see we are in a great intake, and by reading the mission lessons in God's word we can see that it is God's work that we are doing. But our people are not enlisted, not half of the more than two and a quarter million white Baptists of the South give at all to this work.

We close with this recommendation, that the givers give more, and that we strive to enlist those not giving.

Respectfully,

J. P. WILLIAMS.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock, p. m. Benediction by Rev. R. H. Purser.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service by congregation, prayers by Revs. J. N. Fortenberry and Rowan D. Stringer.

The Association was announced in order for business, when Divide Baptist Church, at Divide, Miss., presented a petitionary letter and messengers, asking for admission into this Association; and on motion, the church was received, the Moderator extending the hand of welcome, and the delegates' names enrolled.

Bro. R. R. Berry read the report on Woman's Work, and Revs. A. V. Rowe, H. C. Rovers and J. B. Quinn discussed it; and on motion it was adopted as follows:

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman has always been loyal to her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Her love for him is peculiarly strange, and she has for many years sought a better way of furthering his cause. This earnest desire for furthering the cause of her Master has found its way into organizations such as the Woman's Missionary Union, Ladies Aid Societies, etc.

The organizations are for missionary and educational work. This they do by keeping information constantly before our women, which keeps renewed day by day missionary zeal.

Our women have special works of prayer and self denial and at Christmas they take a special offering for China, and during the year special offerings are made for Foreign, Home and State Missions; and also boxes are sent to Frontier Missionaries, and to the Orphans' Home.

They are fostering training schools at Louisville, Ky., for lady missionaries to fit them for Foreign mission work. They support and manage a home for the children of missionaries, known as the



Maurgerite Home. They also have many other causes which they are fostering.

The total contribution of the Southern Baptist Women for this year was \$197,143.63. They are asked to raise \$35,000 for Home missions and \$115,000 for Foreign missions; and of course to raise their contributions to every cause fostered by them.

We recommend that the pastors of this association urge their ladies to organize societies, and also that the ladies attending this association are requested to assist their pastor's in organizing these societies; which we earnestly believe will be beneficial to the work at large.

R. R. BERRY.

The Report on Nominations was read by Brother Leon Tyrone, and adopted as follows:

#### NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to make the following report:

Place of next meeting, Hebron. Time, Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1909, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Rev. H. C. Roberts to preach Associational sermon; Rev. J. P. Williams, alternate.

Your Committee elected Rev. T. J. Batton delegate to the S. B. Convention, and Rev. L. D. Posey, alternate,

The following brethren are requested to write reports on the subjects annexed to their name, to be read at our next meeting, viz:

A. H. Dale, Missions; Rev. J. O. Buckley, Denominational Schools; Walter Hutchins, Relation of Pastor and Church; Rev. J. B. Quinn, Publications; J. M. Armstrong, Orphanage; Rev. R. Drummond, Ministerial Education; Dr. L. R. Bush, Sunday Schools; A. T. Longino, Church Discipline; S. W. More, Sustentation; J. B. Riley, Temperance; H. Knox Waller, Woman's Work; B. M. Russell, Laymen's Missiary Movement.

W. C. MAXWELL,

Chairman.

Bro. D. M. Lee read Report on Relation of Pastor and Church, and after discussions by him and Rev. J. P. Williams, the report was, on motion, adopted as follows:

#### RELATION OF PASTOR AND CHURCH.

There should be mutual love and friendship and confidence existing between the church and her pastor. Without this the pastor cannot do real efficient work. Neither will his services be fully recognized and appreciated. But with genuine love and friendship

between church and pastor, the pastor can do a great deal more for the cause of Christ and the church will prosper. There is a great deal in friendship and fellowship. One in whom we can trust. One in whom we can trust, one upon whom we can lean, one that can and will sympathize with us and make allowances for our shortcomings, and speak words of encouragement to us in our work. It is like music; it sweetens and lightens the toil and makes our work lighter. Christ said, Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command. And, if you love me, keep my commandments.

The pastor is the leader and teacher of his church. Therefore, he should know the way, he should know the Book, also he should know his people. He should know what to teach, how to teach, and whom to teach, and why he teaches. He should be familiar with the Word of God, and the needs of his people. The church should be co-workers with him, and hearken to his instructions and follow his leadership. Every member of his church should be in sympathy with him in the work. Pray for him and the success of the church; and defend the truths he preaches. The church should not only support him in their prayers, but financially as well, for the laborer is worthy of his hire.

Also each member should encourage his or her pastor by being regular attendants at his services. Paul, in writing to Thessalonians, says: And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their works sake, and be at peace among yourselves. Paul further says: Take heed thereunto yourselves and all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Respectfully,

D. M. LEE.

The report Sustentation was read by Rev. J. B. Quinn in the absence of Bro. Chas. Little, writer, and the report was discussed by Revs. J. B. Quinn, A. V. Rowe, A. H. Dale et al; and pending its adoption, a collection was taken up for the indigent preachers and their wives, amounting to \$14.86. Report adopted as follows:

#### SUSTENTATION.

There is probably no more important duty of the Baptist Denomination that is so grossly neglected as that of providing for its old and disabled ministers and their wives. I make this assertion from what statistical investigation I have been able to make from a



limited amount of literature on the subject obtained from a few ministers. It is true that there are a few of our old pastors who are now being sustained by the churches from over the state, but you only have to look around a little and you will find that there is a surprising number who, after their long years of hard work and their many hard-fought battles that were fought during times when compensation was limited to that of a bare living, are now upon the charities of only a few people with no definite assurance of how long or how well they will be provided for during their few remaining days on earth.

There is a remedy for this, and all that is needed to carry out its purpose is a little more attention to the subject, and a little more discussion on it in our Baptist Associations. We need to stimulate our members on this particular subject, as I feel sure all will agree with me that it is of more than casual importance.

There are now 17 names on our list of beneficiaries to sustentation funds; two have died during the year; two are totally blind; one is bedridden on account of rheumatism; and all are more or less afflicted with the aches and pains incident to old age. There are two funds: the Current Fund and the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund amounts to \$1100, the interest alone from this being used for support. The Current Fund, into which once a year the interest on the Endowment Fund is turned, is used for support, and this year we have received for this fund only \$1368.15, and it is now overdrawn.

The above figures look very insignificant when compared with the large amounts we give each year for other causes, such as missions, Orphanage funds, Seminary Endowment funds, etc., and I am sure none of these are of more importance to us than this one.

The government provides for our old soldiers of war and their widows by granting them pensions, and why should we not better provide for these old soldiers of the Cross, whose hard-fought battles have been for the sake of humanity, and whose accomplishments have been as great as those of anyone.

I shall not recommend that we reduce our contributions for the other blessed causes of our churches for the sake of this one, but I do earnestly urge that we give it more careful consideration than we have been giving it heretofore. The month designated by the State Convention for the collections for this fund is December, and I would recommend that the pastors of the Baptist churches of this Association urge with special stress on their members the importance of this subject, and endeavor to make the donations from each church as large as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. LITTLE.

We, the Finance Committee, beg to submit the following report. We have examined and found the Treasurer's books to be correct and sustained by receipts and cash. Accounts as follows:

Amount collected at this meeting for— Sustentation, \$14.86; Foreign Missions, \$9.75; Home Missions, \$17.10; State Missions, \$182.85; General Missions, 13.60; Minutes, \$73.70; Orphanage, (collected at association,) \$32.52; From last year, Balance on hand, \$30.96; TOTAL, \$375.79.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. LONGINO, Chr., J. C. BURKETT,  
D. H. BIRD.

#### *TREASURER'S REPORT.*

Received from the Finance Committee the following amounts, viz:- From former Treasurer, \$30.96; Sustentation, \$14.86; Foreign Missions, \$9.75; Home Missions, \$17.10; State Missions, \$182.85; General Missions, \$13.60; Minutes, \$73.70; Orphanage, \$32.52. Total, \$375.79.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer.

#### *REPORT OF RETIRING TREASURER.*

L. D. Posey in Account with the Lawrence County Association.

#### *DR.*

1908. Oct. 3. Received from Finance Committee for Sustentation, \$10.40; Orphanage, \$53.30; Associational Purposes, \$68.95; Foreign Missions, \$129.59; Home Missions, \$102.99; State Missions, \$193.64; General Missions, \$8.50. Later, from Antioch Church, for Associational Purposes, \$5.00; State Missions, \$2. Amount unaccounted for by Finance Committee in 1907, and passed to Sustentation by Association, \$2.60; Received from Churches in 1909 for Convention Purposes, \$22.00; TOTAL RECEIPTS, \$609.02.

#### *CR.*

1908. Oct. 23. Paid Rev. A. V. Rowe, for Foreign Missions, \$129.59; Home Missions, \$102.99; State missions, \$195.64; General missions, \$8.50; 1909, Sept. 16, State missions, \$2.00; 1909, May 7, Paid Rev. J. B. Quinn, for Convention purposes, \$35.00; 1908, Oct. 23, Paid Rev. J. R. Carter, for Orphanage, \$53.30; 1908, Dec. 23, Mrs. A. L. Douglas, for Sustentation, \$13.05; 1909, Jan. 1, paid Silver Creek Star, for printing minutes, \$40.50;

Postage on minutes, \$4.02; 1908, Dec. 22, paid Wade Polk, Associational Clerk, \$20. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, \$604.59.

### BALANCES

On hand from 1907, for Associational purposes, \$16.53; On hand from 1908 for Associational purposes, \$9.43; Total now on hand for Associational purposes \$25.96; On hand for Convention Purposes from 1908, \$18.00; Deficit for Convention Purposes from 1909, \$13.00. Total now on hand for Convention Purposes, \$5.00.

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. Rowan D. Stringer, and it was discussed by him and Rev. H. C. Roberts and Rev. J. P. Williams lead in special prayer for a victory by the Prohibitionists in Alabama the coming election in November next. The discussion was continued by Rev. J. M. Sammons and Bro. I. N. Bush. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

### TEMPERANCE.

The Old and New Testament alike warn us against any and all excessive inordinate desires, practices, both of omission and commission.

Scriptural teaching and example clearly show the evil effects of strong drink as a beverage. So strongly was the evils of strong drink manifested that an Old Testament writer (Proverbs 20:17,) says: "Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise, Proverbs 23:31, "We are not to look upon wine when it is red, when it giveth color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright" Paul taught moderation in all things. He said of himself that he was willing to give up eating wholesome meat, if in eating he should cause a brother to sin, or in any way offend. He would rather do this leave off engaging in some things lawful and right, and that forever, rather than subject some weaker brother to temptation.

It was a serious matter with Paul. By his so considering, has saved the lost from eternal death, the saved from sin to Godly fear and service, the cause from dishonor.

Now, everywhere is seen the ruinous effects of drink. It has come to be a serious consideration with all business employers. Men seeking employment must be sober, and temperate in the practices of their lives. Quickly will they discharge a man who is found addicted to the more serious intemperate habits, and especially is it true when an employee is given to strong drink.

Since this, and much else, is true, ought not the interest of our people be guarded more closely. Ought not the Constitution



of the respective states and of the United States, as is stated in the Preamble, "Provide for the common defense, secure domestic tranquility," by inserting constitutional provisions against this mighty scourge, Alabama has such a constitutional provision. Other states can and ought to have such a clause. As is often expressed: "Let our people vote as they pray." Let us elect such legislators as shall give us National Constitutional Prohibition, men who have conviction, and the courage to stand by their conviction in the legislative halls, in state and United States.

May not the billion and a half dollars, as statistics show, that go for whiskey, saying nothing at all of softer drinks, wines, beers, and the like, be turned in o the Lord's treasury to be used for the spreading of the gospel, for converting the kingdoms of this world into the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ?

Respectfully submitted,

ROWAN D. STRINGER.

The report on Items of Special Interest was discussed by Revs. J. P. Williams, H. C. Roberts, J. M. Ritchie, brethren Leon Tyrone, S. W. More, et al, and adopted as follows:

#### *ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.*

Your Committee on Items of Special Interest would beg to report the following:

Total membership this year, 3639. Baptisms, 161. Missions, \$2042.64. Orphanage, \$274.39. Ministerial Education, \$69.20. Sustentation, \$33.11. Sunday School donations, \$242.04. Sunday Schools 26, attendance 1668. W. M. U. 8, amount \$1256.91. Loss by death, 35.

ROWAN STRINGER, W. W. DALE,  
LEON TYRONE,—Committee.

On motion of Bro. J. M. Armstrong, the report on Sunday Schools, was postponed, to be read in Sunday School Mass Meeting tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion of Bro. S. W. Moore, the Association requests that each church composing this Association have the Treasurer make monthly reports of collections and distributions to all objects for which collections are made, and that these reports be recorded on church minutes by church clerk for future reference.

The object of the above motion is to have each church keep an itemized statement of moneys collected throughout the Association-al year, that each church may render an account to the Association, so that our Association can know how much money is collected for

each and every object. Each church is earnestly requested to act on the above mention.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 tonight. Prayer by Rev. A. V. Rowe.

### Evening Session.—7:30 O'clock.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and engaged in song and prayer service. The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The report on Layman's Missionary Movement, by young Bro. W. W. Dale, was ably discussed by him, C. R. Dale, S. W. More, Revs. J. M. Sammons and A. V. Rowe, and on motion adopted as follows:

#### *LAYMAN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.*

The Layman's Missionary Movement was never organized. It was born in prayer. From the first the whole idea of the movement has been to co-operate with the regular missionary agencies of the churches in the enlargement of their work. The movement is an inspiration and not an administration. It stands for investigation, agitation and organization. Wherever the movement has been presented it has received the enthusiastic commendation and co-operation of representative men.

While the movement has already resulted in enlisting large numbers of men in the active promotion of missionary interest, and has been one of the main factors in adding hundreds of thousands of dollars to the receipts of missionary boards, it is not to be expected that the whole church can be aroused suddenly to its missionary responsibility. If, during the next five or ten years, the whole church can be filled with the missionary spirit and fired with enthusiasm for world evangelization, it will be a marvelous triumph of grace.

The effort to evangelize the world presents to every man the largest opportunity of service which can come to him in this life. It includes the man nearest us and also the one furthest away. It asks for the best which any man has of intelligence and ability to help solve the supreme problem of the whole world. It is an enterprise into which the most resourceful of men can put all they possess of life and possessions, and then wish that they had more to invest. No man can live the life which God has planned for him unless he enters with his whole soul into the program of Christ for the the redemption of man. We believe that it is possible to evan-

gelize the world in this generation, but to do this will require the hearty co-operation on the part of all the denominations.

Your committee would urge that every layman who is missionary at heart would appeal to the indifferent laymen for a contribution to missions for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE DALE.

On motion by Bro. C. R. Dale, the Association appointed Bro. B. M. Russell leader of the Layman's Missionary movement in the bounds of the Lawrence County Association.

The report on Church Discipline was read by brother S. W. Moore, and discussed by him and others and adopted as follows:

#### *CHURCH DISCIPLINE.*

We, your committee on discipline, sadly note that the administration of church discipline is becoming unpopular and obsolete, and there seems to be a growing disposition to neglect the wayward and disorderly member and leave him without warning, exhortation or correction. Such a course brings reproach upon the church, and gives the ungodly just cause to say that church members are guilty of doing things that the non-professors would not do. We, therefore, urge a more strict compliance with the scriptural injunctions regarding discipline. Laxity on this line lowers the standard of discipleship, and impairs the usefulness of the church in soul winning.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. MOORE.

Rev. H. C. Roberts read the report on Ministerial education, and he and Rev. J. M. Sammons discussed the report. Pending its adoption, a collection was taken for young brother Sammons, who is now attending South Mississippi College at Hattiesburg, and who is a licentiate of our Association, amounting to \$8.35. The motion was adopted as follows:

#### *MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.*

A minister of Jesus Christ is, in the first place, a man whom God has called to preach the gospel. He will never succeed in the highest sense of the term unless God has called him. But if God has called him he will succeed to some extent, somewhere, whether he ever sees inside of a college or Theological Seminary. This is God's part, but he expects this called man to get the very best



equipment for service possible. I believe God expects this called man to do the best he can at home, and then go the best college and Theological Seminary available. But let the young preacher be sure that the college, university or seminary, that he attends, has the proper atmosphere about it, so that his spirituality, or orthodoxy, may not suffer. As God usually calls poor men to preach His gospel, how important it is that we give liberally of our means to help educate these men whom God has called to this great work of winning souls to Jesus Ghrist.

This Association was very much behind in offerings to ministerial education last year, having reported only \$10.75 from all of our churches. I feel sure that our churches have done much better this year, and trust they will do still better next year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. ROBERTS.

On motion, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to turn over all funds now in his hands for missions, orphanage, sustentation and ministerial education, to A. V. Rowe.

On motion, Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of this association are hereby tendered to the members of Monticello church, and the friends of the community at large, for the hospitable manner in which they have intertained us during this session.

On motion, adjourned to meet in Sunday School meeting tomorrow at 10 o'clock, a. m. Benediction by Rev. H. C. Roberts.

Note—Before the benediction was pronounced the Moderator asked leave of absence to meet his appointment at Bassfield, which was granted, and Bro. S. W. More was appointed moderator, p. t

**Sunday Morning, Oct. 3rd, 1909, 10 O'clock.**

After a delightful song and prayer service, the Moderator called for the report on Sunday schools. The report was discussed by Bros. C. R. Dale, Leon Tyrone and Rev. — Frank, and on motion; adopted as follows:

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

The Sunday School of today is a most important factor, both in the political and religious prosperity of our country. It trains

the thoughts, and guides the life in righteousness; making better citizens, and leading the souls to Christ for salvation. Though instituted primarily for the young, it has been equally powerful over persons of older growth. It gives them a better knowledge of the Bible and its use in the conversion of the world. It lays before them, their christian duty, that they should be "doers of the word and not hearers only". The Sunday School exerts a great influence, both morally and socially. It reduces the costs of courts of law more than it increases the expense of the church. It paves the way for the spread of the christianity, and prepares the heart for the reception of truth.

Great changes have taken place in the last 50 years. The Sunday School was considered then rather as a side issue. Now it is the first department of our church work. Early impressions are known to be the most lasting, hence, the old plan of mixed classes on backless seats surrounded by scores of children reciting out loud has been abandoned largely, for separate rooms and graded classes. There is no longer any necessity of defending the Sunday School. Facts prove its influence, not only in the church, but in the community as well. Its absence is felt, while its faithful administration always proves to be a blessing. Most of the accessions to our churches come through the Sunday Schools, and very nearly all the church workers.

Our Baptist people have come to realize that the Church of Christ was organized for service, and to do faithful service, we must have trained workmen. Consecration and patience will bring results. All Sunday schools cannot be large, nor are such always the best. We are urged "not to despise the day of small things." Note the example of our Saviour stopping at Jacob's Well to instruct just one woman. One teacher and one pupil may constitute a Sunday School. Every church should have at least one. It's a reflection, not only upon that church, but upon Christianity, to say she cannot. God implants the gifts; it is our province to exercise or cultivate them. "Soul winning" should be our watch word. It should be encouraging for us to remember that our Sunday School Missionary is in the field for this purpose: He works in all associations, and visits many churches in the interest of Sunday Schools. Invite him to yours. He will do you good, and he will leave his impress upon your Sunday School for greater things in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DALE.

During the afternoon yesterday the committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, viz:

Rev. A. V. Rowe preach in Baptist Church at 10 o'clock Sunday; Rev. R. J. Boone at Presbyterian Church; and Rev. J. N. Fortenberry at Methodist Church, all at same hour.

NOTE—When Rev. S. B. Culpepper was leaving the association, he reported to have received \$100 in cash and subscriptions for the annex to dormitory of Clark's Memorial College, at Newton, Miss.

SECRETARY.

The program as announced by committee on devotional exercises was carried out except at Presbyterian Church, the congregation assembling there being small. Rev. R. J. Boone and audience concluded to dispense with that part of the program and get to hear Rev. J. N. Fortenberry, at the Methodist Church.

Rev. A. V. Rowe filled the Baptist pulpit, preaching a forceful sermon on the theme, "Being messengers for Christ," that caused many to reconsecrate themselves to Christ and the Cause.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Hebron Baptist Church, one mile East of Newhebron, on Gulf & Ship Island Railroad, on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1910, at 10 o'clock.

REV. L. D. POSEY, Moderator.

WADE POLK, Clerk.





# CHURCH DIRECTORY.

| NAMES OF CHURCHES | NAMES OF DELEGATES  | NAMES OF PASTOR | POST OFFICES  | NAMES OF SECRETARIES | POST OFFICES     |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Antioch           | R C Myers, Robt Cresco, B B Boyt and W L McGuffee                                   | W T Darling     | Wesson        | Chas H Lee           | Monticello R 1   |
| Arm               | R T Ried, S C Buckley   | W F Jeffery     | Clinton       | A C Buckley          | Arm              |
| Bethel            | A H McGuffee, Josiah Miller J W Maxwell and Jesse Wilson                            | J M Sammons     | Sontag        | W J Wilson           | Monticello       |
| Bethany           | J C Burkett, S C Stamps, Jno Tyron, E B Parkman, J M McKell                         | C H Mize        | Sumrall       | S C Stamps           | Prentiss R 3     |
| Bismarck          | W C Price, C E Dunaway  | I B G Roove     | McComb        | C E Dunaway          | Bismarck         |
| Calvary           | H C Roberts, J P Williams, W M Waller, A T Longino, R D Stringer and J M Armstrong. | H C Roberts     | Silver Creek  | J M Armstrong        | Silver Creek     |
| Crooked Crk.      | W J Hedgepeth, R P Hamilton and W C Dale  | R Drummond      | Newhebron     | W C Dale             | Hooker           |
| Divide            | L H Cooper, Eugene Letchworth   | W T Collins     | Newhebron     | L H Cooper           | Divide           |
| Ebenezer          | R S Miller, J F Armstrong and Larkin Thompson                                       | R Drummond      | Prentiss      | L Thompson           | Bassfield        |
| Hebron            | I N Bush A H Dale G U Berry H V Izard D R Longino R Drummond                        | J B Quinn       | Prentiss      | W C Hutchins         | Newhebron        |
| Hathorn           | J B Dale, J A Davis   | J H Sattle      | Columbia      | W R Dale             | Hathorn          |
| Hepsabah          | J L Spelghis J M Spelghis J W Daniels J H Fortenberry C H Watts                     | T J Batton      | Hooker        | J L Spelghis         | Oakvale R 1      |
| Monticello        | D M Lee, I H Bass and W C Maxwell.  | H C Roberts     | Silver Creek  | T M Beal, Jr         | Monticello       |
| New Zion          | Jno R Cox, K H Townsen  | W S Rogers      | Crystal Sprgs | T C Bass             | Monticello R 1   |
| New Hope          | J M Ritchie, T V Neal   | R V Weeks       | Wesson        | J B Riley            | Monticello R 1   |
| Newhebron         | R S Dale, J R Lane, H C Lane and B M Russell  | J P Williams    | Silver Creek  | T C Nelson           | Newhebron        |
| Oakvale           | S W Moore, D N Langston and Wade Polk   | G H Burtie      | Columbia      | H W Hargrove         | Oakvale          |
| Providence        | J O Magee, W W Brewer.  | R J Boone       | Brookhaven    | J N Hoyd             | Verna            |
| Prentiss          | J B Quinn, R R. Berry, Leon Tyron and C R Dale                                      | J B Quinn       | Prentiss      | C R Dale             | Prentiss         |
| Rehoboth          | D H Bird, G H Crosby  | G W Farmer      | Brookhaven    | D H Bird             | Sontag R 1       |
| Shiloh            | E B White, J B Terry, Jas Williams, J M Sammons, W McLeland                         | J M Sammons     | Sontag        | J M Douglass         | Sontag           |
| Society Hill      | L D Posey, J M Fortenberry, Reese Fortenberry and G M Buckley                       | H C Roberts     | Silver Creek  | G M Buckley          | Hathorn          |
| Sontag            | W R Gibson  | No Pastor       |               | A G Pittman          | Sontag           |
| Silver Creek      | D G Langston, Theo Wathersby and W S Farthing                                       | J D Franks      | Clinton       | W S Farthing         | Silver Creek R 1 |
| Smith's Ferry     | J C McCullough, Willie Wilso  | W S Rogers      | Crystal Sprgs | J C McCullough       | Silver Creek     |
| Whitesand         | Lister Lee, Needham Lee, R B Dale, W W Dale.  | T J Batton      | Hooker        | R B Dale             | Prentiss         |

# W. M. U. DIRECTORY.

| CHURCHES     | OFFICERS   | POSTOFFICE  | Pastor's Salary | Orphanage | Poor   | Organ   | Vis. Minst. | S. S. Exp. | State Miss. | Home Miss | For. Miss | Other Objects | TOTAL     |
|--------------|--|---|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Arm          | Mrs M E Fleming, Pres<br>Miss Willie Atwood, Sec<br>Mrs R A Thompson, Treas<br>" J W King, Pres<br>" Kate Freeman, Sec'y   | Arm, Miss<br>" Silver Creek<br>" Newhebron<br>" Hathorn | \$14 00         | \$10 62   |        | \$25 34 |             |            |             |           |           |               | \$49 96   |
| Calvary      | Mrs M E Fleming, Pres<br>Miss Willie Atwood, Sec<br>Mrs R A Thompson, Treas<br>" J W King, Pres<br>" Kate Freeman, Sec'y   | Arm, Miss<br>" Silver Creek<br>" Newhebron<br>" Hathorn |                 | \$5 00    |        |         | \$25 00     | \$51 48    | \$5 00      | \$29 96   | \$40 00   | \$401 72      | \$502 32  |
| Hebron       | Mrs W C Hutchins, Sec'y<br>Miss Hettie Hathorn, Pres<br>" Annie Dale, Sec'y  | Arm, Miss<br>" Silver Creek<br>" Newhebron<br>" Hathorn |                 |           |        |         |             |            |             |           |           |               |           |
| Hathorn      | Mrs W C Hutchins, Sec'y<br>Miss Hettie Hathorn, Pres<br>" Annie Dale, Sec'y  | Arm, Miss<br>" Silver Creek<br>" Newhebron<br>" Hathorn |                 |           |        |         |             |            |             |           |           |               |           |
| Monticello   | Mrs Laura F Beal, Pres.<br>" Mary L Brinson, Sec'y<br>" Pearl Richardson, Pres.<br>Miss Lizzie Langston, Sec<br>Mrs J B Quinn, Pres<br>" Dr Moody, Pres<br>" Nora Garrett, Pres. | Monticello<br>" Oakvale<br>" Unlisted<br>Smith's Ferry  |                 | \$41 00   | \$8 00 |         | \$5 00      | \$5 00     |             |           |           | \$39 70       | \$31 45   |
| Oakvale      | Mrs Laura F Beal, Pres.<br>" Mary L Brinson, Sec'y<br>" Pearl Richardson, Pres.<br>Miss Lizzie Langston, Sec<br>Mrs J B Quinn, Pres<br>" Dr Moody, Pres<br>" Nora Garrett, Pres. | Monticello<br>" Oakvale<br>" Unlisted<br>Smith's Ferry  |                 |           |        |         |             |            |             |           |           | \$106 00      | \$152 00  |
| Prentiss     | Mrs J B Quinn, Pres<br>" Dr Moody, Pres<br>" Nora Garrett, Pres.   | Unlisted<br>Smith's Ferry                               |                 |           |        |         |             |            |             |           |           | \$286 00      | \$294 30  |
| Smiths Ferry | Mrs J B Quinn, Pres<br>" Dr Moody, Pres<br>" Nora Garrett, Pres.   | Unlisted<br>Smith's Ferry                               |                 |           |        |         |             |            |             |           |           | \$90 00       | \$90 00   |
| Whitesand    | " Lillie Dale, Pres<br>Miss Ollie Griffith, Sec  | Prentiss  | \$14 25         | \$6 25    |        |         | \$4 75      |            |             | \$15 00   | \$15 00   | \$44 35       | \$99 60   |
| TOTALS       |  |   | \$28 25         | \$62 25   | \$8 00 | \$25 34 | \$29 75     | \$56 48    | \$11 75     | \$53 96   | \$55 00   | \$957 77      | \$1290 03 |



# STATISTICAL TABLE

| NAMES OF CHURCHES | Pd for Minutes | No. Minutes | Pastor's Salary | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | State Missions | General Miss's. | Pd Visiting Ministers | Other Objects | Expended on Church Prop'ty | To The Poor | Ministerial Education | Orphanage | Incidentals | Miss. College | SBT Seminary | Sustentation | Sunday School Work | Church Expen. | Value Church Property | TOTALS   | By Ladies Aid Society | By Sunday School |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Antioch           | 2 00           | 15          | 200             | 12 40            | 12 40         | 12 25          |                 | 31 50                 |               | 3 75                       | 25 00       | 5 05                  | 25 50     |             |               |              |              | 5 70               |               | 1000                  | 334 05   |                       |                  |
| Arm               | 2 00           | 15          | 125             |                  | 12 50         | 16 50          |                 | 21 25                 |               |                            |             |                       |           |             |               |              |              | 7 25               | 34            |                       | 450      | 258 50                | 50 56            |
| Bethel            | 3 00           | 20          | 100             | 75 30            | 15 40         | 27 60          |                 | 42 50                 |               |                            |             | 2 50                  | 10 62     |             |               |              |              |                    |               | 1000                  | 105 50   |                       |                  |
| Bethany           | 5 00           | 40          | 250             |                  |               |                |                 | 5 00                  |               |                            |             |                       |           |             |               |              |              |                    |               | 500                   | 310 80   |                       |                  |
| Bismarck          | 75             | 5           | 100             |                  |               |                |                 |                       |               |                            |             |                       |           |             |               |              |              |                    |               | 1000                  | 155 00   |                       |                  |
| Calvary           | 5 00           | 40          | 600             | 96 80            | 96 75         | 31 30          |                 | 100 00                |               | 1500 00                    |             | 5 00                  | 25 00     | 30 00       |               |              | 8 25         | 51 48              |               | 3500                  | 3036 26  | 510 52                | 88 94            |
| Crooked Crk.      | 2 25           | 20          | 175             |                  |               |                |                 | 25 75                 | 2 00          | 5 25                       | 10 65       | 5 40                  |           | .65         |               |              |              | 10 20              |               | 800                   | 293 05   |                       |                  |
| Divide            |                | 4           |                 |                  |               |                |                 |                       |               |                            |             |                       |           |             |               |              |              |                    |               |                       |          |                       |                  |
| Ebenezer          | 3 00           | 20          | 175             | 18 75            | 18 75         | 12 10          |                 | 35 35                 |               |                            |             | 5 00                  | 35 05     |             |               |              |              | 5 00               |               | 500                   | 308 00   |                       | 3 10             |
| Hebron            | 4 00           | 35          | 250             | 105 00           | 100 00        | 53 00          |                 | 47 50                 |               | 29 70                      | 10 00       |                       | 36 03     | 12 05       |               |              |              | 14 50              |               | 800                   | 624 58   |                       |                  |
| Hathorn           | 3 10           | 21          | 200             | 12 87            | 12 87         | 7 75           |                 | 33 15                 |               |                            |             |                       |           |             |               |              |              | 6 00               |               | 900                   | 315 44   | 31 45                 |                  |
| Hepsabah          | 3 00           | 20          | 150             | 12 15            | 10 00         |                |                 | 26 20                 |               |                            |             | 4 44                  | 18 00     |             |               |              |              |                    |               | 1000                  | 228 79   |                       | 5 00             |
| Monticello        | 4 50           | 30          | 300             | 57 50            | 60 50         | 30 00          |                 |                       |               | 10 00                      |             |                       | 41 00     | 25 00       | 25            | 5            | 11 70        |                    | 2000          | 678 70                | 152 00   | 19 70                 |                  |
| New Zion          |                | 10          | 150             |                  |               | 6 40           |                 |                       |               | 8 00                       | 7 80        |                       |           |             |               |              |              |                    |               | 800                   | 172 20   |                       |                  |
| New Hope          | 1 35           | 10          |                 | 3 85             | 4 60          |                |                 |                       |               |                            |             |                       |           |             |               |              |              | 3 25               |               | 500                   | 22 10    |                       |                  |
| Newhebron         | 4 25           | 35          | 500             | 65 00            | 70 00         |                |                 | 60 40                 | 65 00         |                            |             |                       |           | 22 87       |               |              |              | 70 34              |               | 3500                  | 1632 27  |                       | 30 74            |
| Oakdale           | 3 00           | 20          | 150             | 6 00             | 15 10         |                |                 |                       |               |                            | 8 50        |                       |           |             | 10            | 5            |              | 9 00               |               |                       | 206 60   | 8 50                  |                  |
| Providence        | 2 30           | 20          | 225             | 13 00            | 6 00          |                |                 |                       |               | 8 00                       |             |                       | 32 70     | 94 63       | 50            |              |              |                    |               | 3500                  | 254 00   |                       |                  |
| Prentiss          | 5 00           | 40          | 600             | 181 00           | 156 30        | 84 70          |                 | 65 00                 |               | 750 00                     | 25 00       |                       | 6 61      | 60 00       |               |              |              | 6 33               |               | 500                   | 2123 30  |                       |                  |
| Rehoboth          | 1 50           | 10          | 75              | 7 10             | 4 25          | 13 50          |                 |                       |               |                            |             |                       | 2 25      |             |               |              |              |                    |               | 500                   | 107 95   |                       |                  |
| Shiloh            | 2 25           | 18          | 150             | 15 75            |               | 22 25          |                 | 20 00                 | 1 85          | 517 00                     | 14 00       | 10 00                 | 6 00      | 60 00       |               |              |              | 8 00               |               | 500                   | 815 38   |                       | 12 08            |
| Society Hill      | 2 25           | 18          | 250             | 49 50            |               |                |                 | 10 00                 |               | 3 50                       |             | 6 81                  |           | 6 25        |               |              |              |                    |               | 1000                  | 362 06   |                       |                  |
| Sontag            |                | 8           | 125             |                  |               |                |                 | 24 00                 |               |                            |             |                       |           |             |               |              |              |                    |               | 1000                  | 159 00   |                       |                  |
| Silver Creek      | 3 00           | 20          | 150             | 13 50            |               |                |                 | 31 00                 |               | 800 00                     |             |                       |           |             |               |              |              | 8 00               |               | 1500                  | 213 00   |                       | 90 00            |
| Smith's Ferry     | 1 10           | 10          | 75              |                  |               | 7 00           |                 | 37 70                 |               | 75 00                      |             | 15 00                 | 18 22     |             | 20            |              |              |                    |               | 1000                  | 1119 10  |                       | 99 60            |
| Whitesand         | 2 70           | 20          | 175             | 31 50            | 46 50         | 40 00          |                 | 68 85                 |               | 2998 70                    | 100 95      | 59 20                 | 257 01    | 251 75      | 105           | 10 18        | 25 288       | 72 25              | 34            | 25050                 | 466 65   | 753 03                | 349 16           |
| TOTALS            | 66 30          | 524         | 5250            | 779 97           | 642 67        | 389 55         | 17 85           | 634 80                | 68 85         | 2998 70                    | 100 95      | 59 20                 | 257 01    | 251 75      | 105           | 10 18        | 25 288       | 72 25              | 34            | 25050                 | 14302 28 | 753 03                | 349 16           |

Seating Capacity: New Zion 250, Society Hill 600. Value Pastor's Home, Prentiss, \$1500. Delegates S. B. Convention: Hebron \$2.50, Monticello \$2.50.

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| NAMES OF CHURCHES | Time of Metng. | Ord. Ministers | Baptized | Recd by Letter | Restored | Died | Disb by Letter | Excluded | Total Increase | Total Decrease | Membership<br>Last Year | Membership<br>This Year | No. S. Schools | Officers & Tchrs | No. Pupils | Literature                         | Superintendent's Name and P. O.   | Secretary's Name and Post Office |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                   |                |                |          |                |          |      |                |          |                |                |                         |                         |                |                  |            |                                    |                                   |                                  |
| Antioch           |                |                | 4        | 3              | 4        | 1    | 11             | 2        | 11             | 14             | 198                     | 201                     | 1              | 4                | 37         |                                    | Alford Blackwell, Monticello R. 1 | Lola Thames, Brookhaven          |
| Arm               | 2              |                | 1        | 1              |          | 1    | 5              |          | 1              | 6              | 49                      | 44                      | 1              | 6                | 54         |                                    | W J Armstrong, Arm                | A C Buckley, Arm                 |
| Bethel            |                |                | 1        | 1              |          |      | 1              |          | 2              | 1              | 119                     | 120                     |                |                  |            |                                    |                                   |                                  |
| Bethany           |                |                | 11       | 5              |          | 2    | 17             |          | 16             | 19             | 203                     | 200                     |                |                  |            |                                    |                                   |                                  |
| Bismarck          |                |                | 4        |                |          | 2    | 22             |          | 4              | 22             | 118                     | 96                      | 1              | 9                | 42         |                                    | T C Willoughby, Bismarck          | W T Holmes, Bismarck             |
| Calvary           | 4              |                | 8        | 29             | 1        | 1    | 15             |          | 38             | 16             | 267                     | 289                     | 1              | 8                | 167        |                                    | W R Raw, Silver Creek             | O R Stuart, Silver Creek         |
| Crooked Crk.      |                | 3              | 6        | 8              |          | 1    | 8              |          | 14             | 9              | 233                     | 288                     | 2              | 8                | 75         |                                    | W J Hamilton, Hooker              | Bettie Dale, Hooker              |
| Divide            |                |                | 4        | 4              |          |      |                |          | 4              |                | 8                       | 12                      |                |                  |            |                                    |                                   |                                  |
| Ebenezer          |                |                | 14       | 6              | 2        | 4    | 6              | 1        | 22             | 11             | 132                     | 143                     | 1              | 3                | 60         |                                    | Larkin Thompson, Bassfield        |                                  |
| Hebron            |                | 1              | 23       | 30             |          | 3    | 22             | 3        | 49             | 28             | 252                     | 273                     | 2              | 7                | 120        |                                    | W C Hutchins, Newhebron           |                                  |
| Hathorn           |                | 1              | 4        | 10             |          |      | 5              |          | 14             | 5              | 96                      | 105                     | 1              | 4                | 65         |                                    | E P Rankin, Hathorn               |                                  |
| Hephzabah         |                |                | 5        | 5              | 1        | 2    | 2              | 1        | 11             | 5              | 129                     | 135                     | 1              | 4                | 52         |                                    | B S Watts, Arm, R 1               |                                  |
| Monticello        | 3              |                | 2        | 3              |          | 2    | 10             |          | 3              | 13             | 128                     | 118                     | 1              | 5                | 76         |                                    | D M Lee, Monticello               |                                  |
| New Zion          |                |                |          |                |          | 1    | 1              |          | 2              | 11             | 125                     | 116                     |                |                  |            |                                    | J M Ritchie, Monticello, R 1      |                                  |
| New Hope          | 1              |                | 11       | 2              | 1        | 1    | 8              |          | 14             | 2              | 98                      | 110                     | 1              | 4                | 40         |                                    | H C Lane, Newhebron               |                                  |
| Newhebron         |                |                | 8        | 19             |          | 1    | 2              |          | 27             | 9              | 167                     | 185                     | 1              | 4                | 28         |                                    | J K Polk, Oakvale                 |                                  |
| Oakvale           | 2              |                | 6        | 5              |          |      | 2              |          | 11             | 2              | 59                      | 68                      |                |                  |            |                                    | Leon Tyrone, Prentiss             |                                  |
| Prentiss          |                | 1              | 1        | 20             | 4        | 2    | 7              |          | 17             | 9              | 398                     | 407                     | 1              | 7                | 162        |                                    |                                   |                                  |
| Reheboth          |                |                | 1        | 1              |          | 1    | 2              |          | 21             | 2              | 152                     | 171                     |                |                  |            |                                    |                                   |                                  |
| Shiloh            | 1              |                | 9        | 6              | 1        | 3    | 5              |          | 19             | 15             | 148                     | 152                     | 1              | 4                | 40         |                                    | Jas. Bryant, Sontag, R 1          | J B Terry, Sontag, R 1           |
| Society Hill      |                | 1              | 10       | 7              | 4        | 3    | 5              |          | 19             | 16             | 237                     | 240                     | 1              | 4                | 80         |                                    | J M Fortenberry, Oakvale, R 1     | L R Upton, Oakvale, R 1          |
| Sontag            |                | 2              | 2        |                | 2        | 5    | 11             |          | 4              | 3              | 36                      | 37                      | 1              | 4                | 70         |                                    | W F Byrne, Sontag                 | H F Buckley, Sontag              |
| Silver Creek      |                |                | 11       |                |          | 1    | 3              |          | 11             | 3              | 150                     | 158                     | 1              | 4                | 30         |                                    | D G Langston, Silver Creek, R 1   | W S Farthing, Silver Creek, R 1  |
| Smith's Ferry     |                |                | 3        | 3              |          | 3    | 3              |          | 6              | 3              | 29                      | 32                      | 1              | 4                | 69         |                                    | G M McCullough, Smiths Ferry      | G W Tyrone, Smiths Ferry         |
| Whiteand          | 1              |                | 9        | 16             | 1        | 2    | 8              |          | 26             | 10             | 138                     | 154                     | 1              | 3                |            |                                    | W W Dale, Prentiss                | J H Mobley, Prentiss.            |
| TOTALS            |                | 11             | 163      | 194            | 20       | 34   | 187            |          | 153            | 237            | 3769                    | 3836                    | 29             | 96               | 1242       | Southern Baptist Convention Series |                                   |                                  |

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